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Rees-Mogg

and

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Chancellor

join Times

William Rees-Mogg and Alexander Chancellor, two

of the most distinguished columnists in British jour-

nalism, are joining The Times from The Indepen-

For Lord Rees-Mogg. his new column in The

Times is a return to the

paper he edited from 1967-81. "It feels as

though I am coming

home", he said yesterday.

William Rees-Mogg's au-

thoritative and lucid com-

mentaries on economics

and politics, life and art

will appear twice weekly in

The Times from January.

Alexander Chancellor

who will write a weekly

column from New York. was editor of The Spectator

for nine years and founder

editor of The Independent Magazine, where he wrote

lor will join Simon Jenkins, Bernard Levin and Mat-

thew Parris at the head of

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versial Weasel column. Rees-Mogg and Chancel-

dent in the New Year.

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Major backs Lamont in row over help with legal bills

■ Difficulties grow for the Chancellor with revelations about his receiving taxpayers' help in evicting a "sex therapist" who rented his London home. Calls for his resignation are growing

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major again stood by his embattled Chancellor last night after the disclosure that the taxpayer and the Conservative party paid legal bills incurred in evicting a "sex therapist" who rented Norman Lamont's London home.

The prime minister let it be known that he had no inten-tion of demanding the resig-nation of a Chancellor who has a key role to play as Britain prepares for next week's European summit at Edinburgh vhere a budget deal is seen as

But as Labour leaders and a lone Tory called openly for Mr Lamont's resignation, influential Tory MPs suggested pri-



vately that Mr Major would be forced into a reshuffle earlier than planned in the new year. Several of Mr Lamont's backbench sympathisers suggested that the revelations about his legal expenses com-ing so soon after leaks about his credit card account were proof of a conspiracy to discredit him. Last week, newspa-

pers reported that Mr Lamont had used his Access card to. buy a bottle of champagne and a packet of cigarettes from a Threshers off-licence in west London and speculated on why he should make such purchases on a Monday night.

But yesterday, Treasury officials were so concerned about continued doubts being expressed about Mr Lamont's denial that they released the till receipt from another Threshers branch showing that he had, as he said, bought three bottles of wine on his way to London the previous day.

The Treasury had earlier Concise Crossword Court and Social.

TV & radio



made plain that payment of public funds towards Mr Lamont's legal costs had been allowed because the eviction had a direct bearing on Mr Lamont's position as Chancellor. Authorised by Sir Peter Middleton, former permanent secretary, the Treasury paid £4,000 plus VAT, while the remainder of the £23,000

Conservative Central Office said yesterday that "party sources" had covered the balance because Mr Lamont's reputation as the party's principal economic spokesman could have been damaged by the disclosure. The money did not come from funds raised by constituency parties, and appears to have been provided by one or more party benefactors.

Mr Lamont is known to have approached Sir Peter shortly after the disclosures in the News of the World in April last year. He is understood to have asked Chris Patten, then Tory chairman, for help with the rest of the bill.

Margaret Beckett, Labour's deputy leader, said: "Why was this kept secret if there is nothing wrong with it? And what else is there that we do not know about? It seems to me that the Chancellor's judgment is so plainly and utterly the better. And the judgment of whoever authorised this payment is also suspect.

"He should never have asked for it. That is what I find so extraordinary. And if he was offered it, he should have refused. It is a very clear indication of the extent to which the present-day Conservative party and this government equate their personal convenience with the interests

of the state." Mr Lamont stayed at Dorneywood, his official country residence, yesterday, but on Saturday night, he issued a statement confirming that Sir Peter had decided it was "reasonable and proper" for the Treasury to meet a small proportion of the costs involved in issuing an immediate statement and handling

press enquiries.

These costs arose solely because of my public position as Chancellor. None of the Continued on page 2, eoi 5

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Welcome party: the townspeople of Srebrenica, after eight months of hunger and isolation, applaud the UN convoy that broke through

UN brings hope to embattled Srebrenica

The shadow of death hangs over Srebrenica. In the spring Serb forces held this east Bosnian town for 15 days, and most of its Muslim population took to the hills. Two middle-aged couples who did not flee were shot in the front room of their house, the windows were shut and the house was set alight. The blaze has left perfect silhouettes of the dead engraved on

the otherwise scorched carpet. Blood stains the sheets that hang to dry outside Srebrenica hospital. The town has been besieged for almost eight months, and soap and detergent are distant

Yet, amazingly, Srebrenica

Tim Judah, Balkans correspondent for The Times, reports from the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica which has been

convoy which ignored Serbian jeers to still pulsates with life. People tumbled down the hills to Srebrenica. The joyous recepgreet the first United Nations

aid convoy to breach Serbian lines since the war began. Cheering and waving, crying and laughing thousands lined the roads as the UN convoy rolled in.

After three days of waiting, negotiating and angry Serb protests, the convoy was

surrounded by the Serbs for eight months. He joined the United Nations allowed to cross to the Bosnian Muslim enclave of

> tion was in stark contrast to that given to the convoy as it passed through Serb-held Bratunac where locals spat and jeered.

Tenaciously resisting an otherwise relentless Serb advance, Srebrenica has turned the Serb dream of an easy

seizme of land in the Drina valley into a nightmare. Hun-dreds of Serbs have paid for the siege with their lives.

On the other hand the Bosnian Muslims have also paid a high price. More than 70,000 are living on the very edge of existence in Srebrenica and two other

enciaves. This weekend Bosnian soldiers fired victoriously into the air as crowds gathered to tell their tales. "You are the first people we've seen in eight months," said Hasan Dzenanovic, a beaming Bos-Continued on page 11, col 3

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Sex mogul is Britain's richest man

PAUL Raymond, the pornographic magazine publisher and owner of the Raymond Revue Bar, has knocked the land-owning Duke of Westminster off his perch after ten years as Britain's richest man. proving that there is more money these days in porn than inherited property.

According to BusinessAge, the grey-haired sex mogul, who never leaves his Soho office without two bodyguards, has a personal fortune of £1.5 billion. The Duke of Westminster, landlord of 200 acres in central London, has a paltry £735 million, revised downwards by the business magazine from £2 billion.

BusinessAge has reassessed its sums on the duke's wealth to take into account the parliamentary bill to allow leaseholders to buy their freehold at less than the market rate and the extraordinary fall in the value of residential properties in Mayfair. Mr Raymond,

By MICHAEL HORSNELL who coincidentally lives on the

Grosvenor Estate, enjoyed post-tax profits in 1991 of £7.6 million, mostly from the mag-azines Men Only, Club International and Mayfair. His master company is the Paul Raymond Organisation which was restructured last year to incorporate Soho Estates.

While the duke inherited his estates, Mr Raymond's property interests were acquired through 34 years of buying up property in Soho, financed from the cashflow of a sex business founded in the Raymond Revue Bar and then a publishing empire with sex as its only fare, according to BusinessAge. Mr Raymond's Soho freeholds amount to £1.4 billion and include 33 per cent of Berwick Street, 42 per cent of Brewer Street, 31 per cent of

Frith Street, 69 per cent of Romilly Street and 18 per cent of Wardour Street. The magazine says of the

duke's interests that it thinks his "fiefdom has an acute problem in terms of its large and expensive commercial properties, many of them now empty, and likely to stay that way until well after the recession is fully ended".

BusinessAge listed Britain's

top ten richest men as: Paul Raymond, property owner; David Sainsbury, retailer (£1.1 billion); Garfield Wes-ton, food manufacturing (£785 million); Gerald Grosvenor. Duke of Westminster (£735 million); Charles Feeney, duty-free retailing, mostly in the Far East (£690 million); Sir James Goldsmith, investor (£650 million): Richard Branson, entrepreneur (£425 mil-lion): David Thompson, industrialist (£390 million): Jack Walker, the industrialist who sold his firm for cash to British Steel in 1989 (£255 million) and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer (E240

The Queen goes back to live in Windsor Castle

By JOHN YOUNG

BARELY a week after the fire that destroyed part of Windsor Castle, the Queen was unexpectedly back in residence last

night. The Royal Standard was flying above the battlements, and Buckingham Palace confirmed that the Queen had moved back into her private apartments. During the fire the rooms were emptied of furniture and paintings but they were unscathed. The Queen is to remain at Windsor, her usual weekend home. until this afternoon, when she

will return to London. The section of the castle holding Queen Mary's dolls' house and other parts closed while fire officers checked for possible damage are likely to reopen to the public this week. A report by fire officers investigating the cause of the blaze and why it was not extinguished sooner is expected to

be presented to the Queen Stewart Kidd, director of the Fire Protection Association,

said on television that the damage could have been reduced if recommended prevention measures had been taken. "The lessons of Hampton Court have clearly not been carried through to other royal palaces," he said. Mr Kidd chaired a working party two years ago on fire preven-tion in historic buildings. Recriminations apart, a live-

ly debate can be expected in coming weeks over whether the damaged parts of the castle should be restored to their former appearance or rebuilt in a more contemporary style. One suggestion is that the Prince of Wales should head a committee to examine the question.

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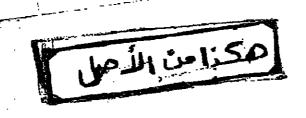


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while spending on posters rose sharply. The staging of meetings, rallies and leaders

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in Britain, unlike the United States, paid political advertising on television is banned. Yet the influence of television has become so great that British parties are prepared to spend millions of pounds on trying to use their allocations of free time, for election broadcasts, to the greatest effect and on macipulating news reports. Nevertheless, the ben on paid relevision advertising has almost certainly helped to contain the costs of trational campaigns. Unlike America. tte to soar despite taxpayer subsidies for presidential

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campaigns, central election

spending in Britain is no

higher in real terms than in

higher than in the pre-war

Labour's £10m campaign spending closes the gap with Tories

PINTO-DUSCHINSKY

THE Labour party spent nearly as much as the Tories during the last general election campaign, and more during crucial parts of the long pre-election period. It is one of the main surprises shown by the campaign accounts that have finally been produced by the rival party headquarters.

The virtual disappearance of the gap in spending explodes one the long-standing myths of British politics. that the Tories always heavily outspend Labour in national

campaigns. Among other findings are the much higher spending by both parties, compared with the 1987 campaign, on posters and on producing political broadcasts, and the lower expenditure on press

advertising.
Labour's head office reports that its central budget was almost twice as large, in real terms, as it has spent in any previous election. Total spending before and during the campaign was £10.6 mil-

JOHN Cunningham, the

shadow foreign secretary, yes-

terday left open the door for

Labour to try to vote down the Maastricht bill when it

reaches its final reading next

With the bill returning to

the Commons tomorrow to

begin its committee stage, Dr

Cunningham refused to rule

out the possibility of Labour

MPs again being whipped to

vote against the government

on Maastricht as they were

when John Major came so

close to defeat earlier this

on Labour officially abstain-

ing on the third reading vote,

now expected in May, as it did

when the bill went before MPs

for its second. John Smith

The government is counting

■ The release of campaign accounts reveals the increasing extent to which party strategists have channelled their advertising resources into using — and manipulating — the power of TV

lion, compared with £11.2 million spent centrally by the Tories. During the campaign proper, Labour spent £7.76 million, against the Tories' £8.45 million. During the pre-election period. Labour spent £2.83 million, while Tory spending amounted to £2.74 million.

Walworth Road's general election fund collected £12 million. The surplus on the election fund helped to limit the deficit on the general, or routine, fund. This strong performance depended mainly on the trade union political levy, which provided three quarters of the election fund. The party also raised 62 million during the election period in individual

Conservative Central Office was in a dire financial state throughout the run-up to the election. Chris Patten, party

Maastricht bill

Opposition threatens

to turn against treaty

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Labour MPs if he decided

otherwise. However, inter-

viewed on Walden on London

Weekend Television, Dr Cun-

ningham insisted that the

leadership was keeping its

Meanwhile, John Major

will today continue his tour of

European capitals as he pre-

pares for the Edinburgh

Senior ministers made plain

yesterday that with the Maas-

tricht bill back in the Com-

mons there was little prospect

of the government being able

to give way to apparently unanimous pressure for the

rest of the EC for Britain's £2

billion budget rebate to be

reduced. There were signs,

however, that ministers will

consider a fresh compromise

revolt from Euro-enthusiast order to head off opposition of unlikely to do so again.

summit the week after next.

options open.

election, inherited a headquarters than was some £8 to £9 million in the red. This constrained his strategy. Party spending of £11.2 million was marginally less in real terms than in 1987. But this was still the third highest budget, closely behind the 1964 and 1987 elections. The Tories raised the

record sum of £25 million centrally in 1991-92 and more than £60 million throughout the cycle since 1987. Yet the party emerged with a deficit that has now reached about £13 million. By spending on a huge scale in 1989 and 1990, when it overpsent by £9.4 million, the position to fight a prolonged campaign. This makes the Tory victory all the more

In the previous 1983-7 parliamentary cycle, financial

Greece, Portugal and Ireland.

urgent amid signs that the

Spanish governemnt could

side with France over the Gatt

farm deal in direct retaliation

Dr Cunningham said the outcome of the committee

stage, when Labour would be tabling important amend-

ments, would determine how

the party voted after the third

reading. He said there was no

prospect of beating the government because it would

again be supported by the

It is clear, though, that if

Labour were to vote against,

the government would rely on Labour rebels to get the bill

beral Democrats.

against Britain.

This has become even more

1990 until just after the care during "electoral peace-election, inherited a head-time" made it possible to concentrate resources on the election. Campaign costs accounted for 28 per cent of Central Office's outlay over the four years up to 1987. But in the 1987-92 period, the campaign accounted for only 15 per cent out of a spending total of E73 million over the whole five years. By contrast, Labour devoted 23 per cent of

> The Labour team's determination to focus resources on electioneering meant that 1992 was the first campaign in which its spending has approached that of the Tories. The central Liberal Democrat campaign cost £1.8 mil-

its 1987-92 outlays of £47

million to the campaign, an

increase from 18 per cent in

the previous cycle.

Central Office stepped uplion, including £800,000 during the 18-month preelection period. Taking account of inflation, this was

about a quarter less than the central efforts of the Alliance in 1987 and just over half of Alliance spending in 1983. At a local level, where

spending by candidates is trictly limited by law, Liberal Democrats lost ground, whereas Labour candidates spent the same, in real terms, as in 1987 and Conservative candidates spent slightly The election accounts give

an insight into the strategies of the rival party managers. The pattern of Tory central spending changed radically. In 1987, Central Office devoted 50 per cent of its budget to national press advertising. Mr Patten regarded press advertising on this scale asvasteful, so the proportion fell to only 16 per cent in 1992. Instead, the Tory strategy concentrated on presentation of the party's strongest themes on television, both in party political broadcasts and in television news reports.

spending on films for party political broadcasts. Produc-tions costs of 14 films amounted to £2:25 million.

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CENTRAL SPENDING (in thousands)

sets for Mr Major's meetings The Labour campaign folhad a similar purpose to win lowed broadly similar lines. the television battle and to stir controversy and free publicity

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Baby and parents die in three-car crash

A Taiwanese family died in a three-car pile-up which killed a total of five people, police said yesterday. Young Chang Ma, 35, a postgraduate student at Warwick University, his wife K A Yin Kwok, 31, and their one-year-old daughter Esther Ma, of Coventry, died on Saturday when their Volvo was in a head-on collision with a Ford Cortina thought to have been travelling east on the westbound side of the A604 dual

carriageway, at the St Ives junction, near Huntingson.
The Cortina driver, James Lafferty, 57, of Easton,
Cambridgeshire, also died. The fifth victim was Timothy Frost, 20, of Kettering, Northamptonshire, the driver of a Metro which is thought to have hit the wreckage. His passenger, Sally Fox, 18, of Kettering, was in a critical condition in hospital yesterday. Police were trying to discover why the Cortina was travelling the wrong way. Relatives of the Taiwanese were contacted overseas and police hoped to trace family members in Britain.

Four-year-old at college

A boy aged four whose special gifts include speaking French playing the violin and a near photographic memory is studying at the West London Institute, a college of Brunel University, after his parents found he became bored and frustated at school. Nicholas MacMahou, who could talk at one and has learnt the Latin names of plants and insects, istudying the encyclopedia to playing with toys. He is Alexandra and Peter, contacted a senior lecturer. Mr MacMahon, a gardener in Betchworth, Surrey, said: "He picked up a copy of the highway code and read it all. Now he tells us what all the road signs mean as we drive along."

Rising price of justice

Big fee increases come into force today for those pursuing disputes in the county courts. The rises, which will bring in an extra £55 million for the government, have already come under fire from Labour MP Stephen Byers as making a mockery of the courts charter, published last week. He said the rises exposed the charter as "no more than a public relations exercise at the taxpayers' expense". Many fees have risen by at least a third — that for obtaining a ession warrant, for example, has now doubled to £50.

Tebbit 'wanted to lead'

Lord Tebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, said for the first time yesterday that he once believed that he would be prime minister after Margaret Thatcher, as he was the "natural successor". The former Tory MP for Chingford told BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs: "The most populous club in politics is the club of ex-future prime ministers, and I eventually realised that I was in that club. I accepted a peerage and that excluded me from being prime minister. But I have a touch of regret . . . "

Knifepoint car hijack

A woman motorist was forced at knifepoint to drive her Austin Metro for more than a hour across three counties yesterday after a man stopped her car and got in after a stabbing incident in Boscombe, Bournemouth. A policeman who saw the incident gave chase and was joined by officers from both Dorset and Hampshire as the woman was forced to drive through the New Forest. Her ordeal ended when police arrested a man on the outskirts of Salisbury, Wiltshire Another man was taken to hospital

House of Fraser defies Sunday trading law

By Michael Horsnell

merry tune yesterday as the House of Fraser abandoned its objection to Sunday trading and opened 52 of its 62 stores in defiance of the discredited 1950 Shops Act. Although Harrods, its pre-

Special encounter: Katherine Dart kisses Teddy yesterday at Hamleys in London

mier emporium, remained closed in recognition of its clientele's traditional retreat to country seats, the company opened department stores from Plymouth to Inverness. Local authorities, saddled with a law that is difficult to enforce, are not expected to prosecute given the home

Sunday trading in England and Wales. Amid enthusiastic shoppers yesterday at the House of Fraser's DH Evans department store in Oxford Street. London, Fred Bassnett, the general manager, said: "It might be murky outside but its good shopping weather. Our decision to open was made in

secretary's announcement last

week of proposals to liberalise

CHRISTMAS tills pealed a want, the economic situation and the decisions of our competitors."

The store was one of only

three in the group in England to open, between I lam and 5pm, in a successful trial the previous Sunday. Early indications are that trade in-creased by 30 per cent yesterday. Business at shops throughout the country this Christmas so far is said to be 3 per cent down on last year, but the figure has been dragged down by a 7.6 per cent drop in the sales of consumer durables such as big electrical goods, carpets and furnishings.

Michael Cole, director of public affairs for House of Fraser, said: "We remain roughly in the Keep Sunday Special category. Though we agree the law has to be liberalised, we have no intention of opening every Sunday throughout the year. But we wish to open for the four Sundays before Christmas as a convenience to customers when there is a demand."

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Major stands by Lamont

Continued from page 1 costs incurred in evicting my tenant were met from public funds. The decision on whether, and if so to what extent, my legal fees should be met from public funds was taken by the accounting officer in the Treasury, not by myself.
The remainder of the bill

was settled by Conservative Party sources, of which I have no knowledge. I am fully satisfied that throughout a clear and correct distinction was maintained between those costs that were incurred as a result of the fact that I held ministerial office, and those that were not."

John Watts, Conservative chairman of the Treasury select committee, said: "Know-ing how tight the Treasury is in releasing money for anything, if this was approved within the Treasury, I would imagine there is no question about its propriety."

Howard rules out more cash

By Rachel Kelly, local government correspondent

MICHAEL Howard, the environment secretary, has ruled out any new cash to soften the impact of curs in local government despite mounting criticism over the weekend as councils worked out the extent to which they would have to reduce services.

But he promised that he would listen to councils' complaints about the proposed distribution of government funds announced last week and would consider appropriate adjustments.

Speaking on BBC1's On the Record, Mr Howard said: That is it in terms of the total amount, but if we have got something wrong in terms of the distribution, then, of course, we will look at the points which councillors make.

The government plans to spend £41.6 billion on local government in 1993-4; a quarter of total government spending and an increase of 3.1 per cent on total planned

spending in 1992-3. In practice, many councils will not enjoy rises as they have already spent more than planned in 1992-3. The Association of County Councils calculates that the increase is only 0.4 per cent on budget-

ed spending.

Among those councils that will have to cut services to keep within the strict guidelines are Tory-led councils in the heart of the South East. A study by the Local Government Chronicle identified the Basildon and Welwyn Harfield districts, both Tory-led, as likely to have

to make extensive cuts. Mr Howard suggested that even well-run councils could make further cuts. He said: "When they look at the figures much more carefully and in more detail and they consider what they have done in previous years, I believe they will come to the conclusion that if they keep within the guide-lines and spend their money

sensibly, they will be able to

continue the services they have provided."
He said there should be a

constant re-examination of the way services were provided to see if they were making the most of competitive tendering and market testing. "It would be very remark-

able if local authorities are doing absolutely everything they can at this moment to achieve maximum efficiency

in the services they provide."

Meanwhile, Labour has predicted that the council tax oills will be much higher than the government estimates. Shadow ministers are going on the offensive as local authorities prepared for next week's release of the valuation of properties for the new

Homeowners will be able to discover from their councils . Why it's

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the property band in which their homes have been placed after valuations by estate agents earlier this year. Valuations are at April 1991 prices.

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'It was reasonable and proper for the government to meet a small proportion of the legal fees'

Lamont's handout for legal fee was okayed by Treasury

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE use of public money to pay for a government minister's privately incurred legal costs is not covered by the 130 paragraphs of guidance given to ministers about the conduct of their duties when they take up a Whitehall post.

But Sir Peter Middleton,

the former permanent secretary at the Treasury, had some ground rules on which to work when Norman Lamont approached him — as the Treasury confirmed last night that he did — on the weekend in April last year when the story broke that a sex therapist was using his London home.

Questions of Procedure for Ministers, which was published last year, suggests that ministers "will want to order their affairs" so that no conflict arises or is thought to arise between their private interests and their public duties". Ministers with any doubts are advised to consult their permanent secretaries.

Sir Peter, faced with Mr Lamont's request, would have turned to the guidance on these matters given by the Treasury solicitor, with the approval of the law officers. This states that the test of whether a minister may be properly indemnified out of public finds turns on whether the issue relates to the conduct of the minister and bears on the performance of his official duties and whether it is in the public interest that legal action should be taken.

Factors to be taken into account include the effect of the attack on the reputation of the person concerned, the likelihood of success in any legal action and the "impact on others if the victim is not supported".

supported".

Sir Peter, in applying those rules, was said yesterday to have been satisfied that the original report could have affected the standing in which the Chancellor was held, and that a contribution from public funds could be made. In his

■ Despite guidelines for ministers on the use of public funds, the issue still hinges on interpretations of "the public interest"

statement, the Chancellor said £4,000 plus VAT had been paid to cover initial costs that aruse "solely because of my public position as Chancellor of the Exchequer".

"The permanent secretary to the Treasury decided that it was reasonable and proper for the Treasury to meet a small proportion of these fees, some £4.000 plus VAT, covering the initial legal cost of issuing an immediate statement and the subsequent costs of handling press enquiries following reports in the News of the World.

"These costs arose solely because of my public position as Chancellor of the Exchequer. None of the costs incurred in evicting my tenant were met from public funds.

were met from public funds.
"The decision on whether, and if so to what extent, my legal fees should be met from public funds was taken by the accounting officer in the Treasury, not by myself," said Mr Lamont.

The government said yesterday that the rules which had guided Sir Peter were longstanding and had applied under successive administrations.

The Treasury cited two recent precedents in which public money had been paid to ministers: once to Lord Young



Middleton: gave his approval for funds

of Graffham in 1989 to deal with allegations of bias arising from his private interests in relation to the House of Fraser affair, and the other to Nigel Lawson, the former Chancellor, in relation to proceedings brought against him for remarks made in an interview

Most of Mr Lamont's legal costs were met by Conservative "party sources". Tory officials declined to say yesterday precisely where the money had come from, although senior MPs suggested that there had always been arrangements to help senior ministers whose reputations could be

about Johnson Manhey

"There is no siush fund, but if the party's reputation is under threat, clearly there is a case for assistance. In this instance the Tory party's principal financial spokesman was in danger of being besmirched."

Party officials went out of their way to stress, however, that the money had not been taken from the income raised for the Tories by party activists.

Mole-hunters at Access are still trawling computer records to unmask the source of last week's revelations that the Chancellor allegedly had difficulty balancing his domestic accounts (Bill Frost writes).

The investigators are looking for an employee who either leaked Mr Lamont's account details on an opportunistic, perhaps political whim or gave out the information "to order" for money.

There is no doubt that the

There is no doubt that the Chancellor's domestic circumstances had been under the microscope in certain quarters of Fleet Street for some time. Against that background the NatWest enquiry must consider the possibility that the Access male was approached



Focus of debate: Mr Lamont used £4,000 of public funds to evict sex counsellor Sara Dale, left, from his home

by a private detective agency working on behalf of a newspaper or freelance journalist seeking information about Mr Lamont.

Certain detective agencies advertise openly that they can provide detailed financial information on any individual or company. They guarantee to give printouts of bank statements, credit card accounts and confidential, and sometimes compromising,

material. One London agency has provided ex-directory numbers of the great and good to Fleet Street. For about £300, a list of those called by the subscriber is drawn up.

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The agencies, some of which are staffed by former M15 or special branch officers, make use of moles to gather their information. The better-connected contact old security service sources at BT, the banks or the credit card

to the industry said: "Providing the customer has the money, there is no reason why they should not uncover the subject's deepest darkest secret. There is always a way, if you know how. Unless there was a real fear that national security was breached or a life put at risk, they will uncover

companies. One source close

everything you want and sometimes more." While conspiracy theorists favour the view that Mr Lamont's dealings with Access were leaked "to order", the investigators cannot yet rule out that the story was fed to Fleet Street on a whim by a politically outraged clerk. If found, the Access mole will face prosecution under the Data Protection Act.

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AN ANNUS HORRUBLUS Engulfed

in sea of criticism

BY OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen may have endured an annus horribilis. For Norman Lamont the past 18 months have

been gruesome.

Mr Lamont achieved his life-time's ambition of the Chancellorship after successfully managing John Major's leadership campaign in 1990. But he was soon to be engulfed in a wave of criticism directed as his performance.

as his performance.

[]April 1991: When the News of the World disclosed that a prostitute was charging £90 an hour for "sex therapy" in the basement flat of his rented house in west London, the reaction at Westminster was one of ribaldry.

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☐October 1991: Already under fire for a remark suggesting that unemployment was a price worth paying for getting inflation down, Mr Lamont provided another substantial hostage to fortune when he told the Tory conference in Blackpool that "the green shoots of economic spring are appearing once again." ☐March-April 1992: Although John Smith's shadow budget was one of the biggest weapons in the Tory general election armoury, Mr Lamont was one of "the big guns" in the

campaign.

| September 16: Sterling was forced out of the European exchange rate mechanism despite desperate efforts by Mr Lamont to shore it up. Devaluation, resisted by Mr Lamont, was inevitable. His future looked highly uncertain.
| October: The pressure eased on Mr Lamont as the spotlight nurned to pit closures and Maastricht.
| November 26: the Chancellor was again the subject of Commons ridicule after the revelation

that his credit card account

Why it's hard to get by on £63,000

By Bull Frost

TO THE humble wage slave, Norman Lamont boasts a salary and perks beyond imagining. Tabloid leader writers have lost no opportunity to juxtapose the Chancellor's apparent affluence with an alleged imability to balance the domestic books.

Much has been made of the gifts which come with cabinet office: a salary of £63,047 (four times the national average); a limousine "on the firm"; a home in Downing Street and a place in the shires. How could the Chancellor possibly run into trouble with Access?

Why, asked the tabloid leader writers with self-righteous glee, with such a healthy stipend, did he need to accept public money towards the cost of handling press enquiries over the eviction of a "sex therapist" from the basement of the house he owns in Notting Hill, west London?

To some extent the criticism is disingenuous. Although the Chancellor's salary looks

large, political and domestic outgoings can be even greater. Mr Lamont has two children, one of whom attended The King's School, Canterbury, where fees are in the region of £11,000 a year.

The Chancellor has seen the value of his Notting Hill home decline. At the height of the property boom the house could have been worth £500,000. In the present depressed state of the market, he could expect no more than £350,000-£400,000.

According to friends, the Chancellor is generous to a fault. Although his own tastes are relatively modest — he enjoys good food, wine and the occasional small cigar — Mr Lamont has no hestitation in providing hispitality for others, sometimes on a grand

When entertaining in his constituency every weekend, he would be obliged to "buy his round" in the Conservative Club. In addition, the faithful

would expect a generous donation at every fundraising event ... after all, the man they sent to Westminster is also the Chancellor of the Exchequer and enjoys an enviably high salary.

For others in the cabinet, the cost of keeping up political appearances is more easily borne. While "old money" has largely disappeared from the government front bench under John Major, a number of ministers have high-earning wives to help them pay the bills.

In any event, Mr Lamont's needs are reportedly less than lavish. Ornithology comes close to the top of the Chancellor's extra-curricular enthusiasms. He requires only binoculars, stout shoes and warm clothing for nocturnal forays into the woodland sur-

rounding his country home.

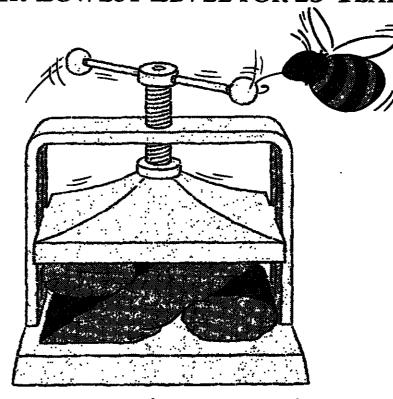
Had Mr Lamont stayed in merchant banking, he could have afforded a considerably more affirmat lifestyle than a

cabinet minister's salary allows. As he contemplated yesterday's hostile press. Mr Lamont might have recalled remarks made by Lord Gowrie, the former arts minister. On the occasion of his resignation in 1985 he said that he could no longer afford to live in central London on a government salary.

Not every former minister found life in high office so difficult. Lord Healey, Chancellor in the last Labour government, said yesterday that he managed to make ends meet "perfectly well" while living at No 11.

"I never had a credit card while I was Chancellor and got by perfectly well. Mr Lamont's salary is about five times what the average person earns, and they have to make do. As for entertaining, he should just behave like an ordinary chap. Certainly he has to buy his round, but those he's drinking with buy one too."

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Vivid imagery: Sir Sidney's Head of a Warrior

Colourful outback artist dies, aged 75 By JOHN YOUNG

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SIR Sidney Nolan, the Australian painter who died during the weekend, aged 75, will be best remembered for his works depicting the exploits of the 19th-century outlaw Ned Kelly. His star, which shone so brightly in the 1950s and the 1960s, had been largely eclipsed over the past 20 years.

Sir Sidney, the son of a Melbourne tram driver and

Melbourne tram driver and grandson of one of the policemen who pursued Keliy across the outback, left school at 14 and began work as a poster painter for a hat manufacturer. He was "discovered" by the historian Clark (later Lord Clark) on a visit to Sydney in 1949 and was persuaded to come to London.

His vivid depictions of the harsh colours of the Australian bush and the symbolism of the outlaw defying authority found a ready market and were bought by the Tate Gallery and the Queen.

When he turned to more sombre themes, such as Leda and the swan and the Shakespeare sonnets, opinion hecame more divided. One critic described the Leda paintings as "among the greatest things produced in recent years", but others accused him of abandoning his natural talent.

The decline in his reputation may be said to date from the mid-1970s, with a series of paintings on the Oedipus theme which becaused admirers and were described by one critic as an unmitigated disaster.

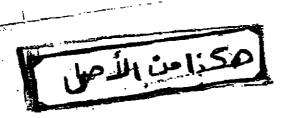
Sir Sidney was an abrasive man, who said of his critics a few weeks ago that they could go to hell. After the suicide of his first wife in 1974, he pursued a long vendetta against his one-time friend, the author Patrick White, who accused him of responsibility for her death.

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'Rainbow' coalition faces tough task

Labour fires first salvo on Irish privatisation

DICK Spring, the Irish Lab-our leader, fired the first shots yesterday in what will be an exceptionally tough round of post-election negotiations to try to form a new coalition

Mr Spring, who now has 33 TDs in the new Dail com-pared with 16 before last week's election, said his party had no intention of participating in any government committed to privatisation in any

In a clear signal to his most likely coalition partners, Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats — both parties of the right — Mr Spring said the experience of privatisation under Margaret Thatcher in Britain had only reinforced his

fundamental opposition to it. I do not accept [that privatisation] has any contribution to make to the economic goodwill of this country," he said at his home in Trales. "I am going to defend ... publicsector jobs and a strong role for public-sector companies in this country."

week at least may be required.

Fine Gael and the PDs, there

will also be the question of who leads the government, since both Mr Spring and

John Bruton, the Fine Gael leader, believe they have a

The so-called rainbow, or three-party, coalition is not the only possibility for government in the new Dail, but it is

now widely accepted that

those parties are going to have the first attempt at putting an

administration together. The

option for Labour of trying to

remain in opposition looks increasingly difficult to justify

given the huge increase in its

share of the vote. An opinion

poll yesterday indicated that more than 80 per cent of Labour voters now wanted the

party to go into government. The shift in the political

balance in Ireland has been openly acknowledged by Fianna Fail and its leader Albert Reynolds, who remains

Taoiseach and will continue in

a caretaker role through the

EC summit in Edinburgh

until the new government is

After a cabinet meeting on Saturday to consider his par-

ty's woeful performance, Mr Reynolds said: "At this stage

the political reality of the election results would indicate

that the matter rests with

Mr Reynolds's fumre as

leader of the party is now in doubt. Fianna Fail lost 10

seats and saw its share of the

vote fall to 39.1 per cent, the lowest since 1927. A number

of senior ministers including

Bertie Ahern, finance, and

David Andrews, foreign af-

fairs, both of whom are candi-

dates to succeed Mr Reynolds,

are known to be keen on the

party going into opposition.

One former minister described this as offering

Fianna Fáil a chance for a much-needed "refresher

formed.

right to be prime minister.

Apart from the key econom-

The extent of the ideological divide with the Democrats in particular was quickly under-lined by Mary Harney, a leading figure in the party, who issued her own warning about Labour's ambitious plans to increase Exchequer borrowing by £350 million next year in an attempt to create new jobs. Ms Harney said the Democrats "certainly would not participate in a government if borrowing was to increase".

Mr Spring has no illusions about the difficulties. He has already said he is not sure if a new government will be ready by the time the Dail recon-venes to elect the Taoiseach

First Asian prepares to enter the Dáil

FOR the first time in its independent history, Ireland will have an Asian member of parliament when the Dáil reconvenes in two weeks (Edward Gorman writes).

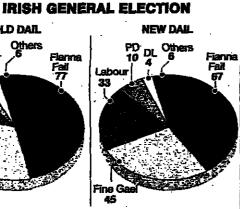
Moosajee Bhamgee, 45, a consultant psychiatrist based at Our Lady's Hospital in Ennis, co. Clare, also distinguished himself by becoming the first Labour candidate returned in the west of Ire-

land constituency since 1951. Dr Bhamgee, who was born in South Africa but whose family is originally from Bombay, stunned even his own party colleagues. He has never stood for election to his local council and joined Labour only two years ago. He psychiatrist.

desire among people from all walks of life for a change from the old politics of Fianna Fail and Fine Gael.

We came across the same

Dr Bhamgee will devote much of his energy in the Dail to highlighting problems within the health service in his home county and to memployment and emigration. He has for some years appeared on local radio offering people advice in his capacity as a



problems over the whole country in urban and rural areas," he said. "People wanted change and they saw the Labour party and myself as the alternative."

Counting in one seat in Dublin South Central continued yesterday. Excluding that, the distribution is Fianna Fáil 67 seats. Fine Gael 45, Labour 33, Progressive Democrats 10. Democratic Left 4, Green Party I and Independents 5. Sinn Fein's total vote was less than 30,000 and 40 of its 42 candidates lost their

Ulster's badlands develop a good name with tourists

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

CROSSMAGLEN, the town at the heart of south Armagh's 'bandit country', is rapidly becoming known around the world for its tourist industry. Golf courses, pubs, restaurants and theatres are springing up and attracting thousands of visitors from America, France, Italy and Japan.

During the weekend, the prestigious catering prize in the Northern Ireland tourism awards went to a restaurant and folk centre developed in a derelict farm cottage a few hundred yards from a heavily fortified army base at Crossmaglen. "It is so unspoilt around here at the moment." Tony Hearty, its developer, said. "I just hope that all the tourist development now tak-ing place does not ruin it."

The Northern Ireland Tour-ist Board is delighted at the influx of visitors that has reached 1.4 million a year, with a 22 per cent increase in the number coming from North America and a 14 per

cent increase from Britain. Using grants totalling £20 million a year from the European Community and the mainly American-based Inter-national Fund for Ireland, it hopes to double the number of people employed in tourism within the next three years. Old stone cottages are being

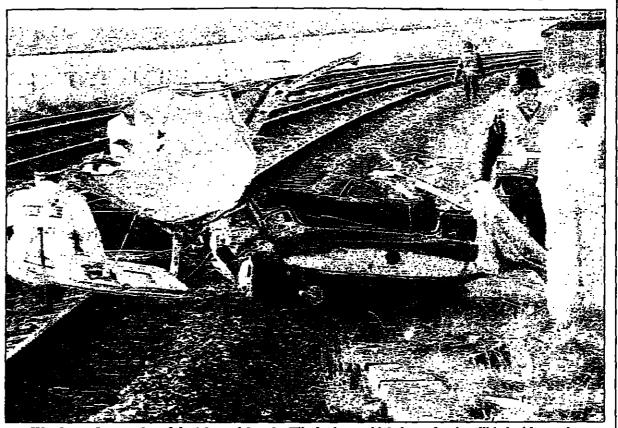
converted into weekend retreats, a helicopter company has set up a "round the six counties" service from Newtownards and fishermen, folk music fans and game shooters are booking short trips in increasing numbers. No one in the tourist board will admit it officially, but many of the foreign visitors are almost ghoulishly anxious to see the areas that have become so well known for violence. Tour operators in Belfast take guided minibus tours around the Falls Road, Shankhill, Divis Flats and the Maze prison.

An internal report by the board, which identified this "curiosity" value of tourism,

was seized upon by politicians of both sides, who accused them of trading in terrorism. "We have to accept the situa-tion as it is," Hugh O'Neill, the board chairman said. "Now we are trying to explain that Northern Ireland has many other unspoilt attractions, and it seems to be working. Within the next three years I believe we can have an additional 10,000 jobs in the province to cater for the flow of tourists."

Officials are worried that terrorist groups may target tourist centres if they become too successful. They are also anxious to convince businessmen from Britain to spend at least one night in the country rather than catch the regular shuttle flights back to London.

The board is working closely with the Irish republic's tourist industry to persuade visitors, especially from America, to make the trip north. A Northern Irish tourism office



Wreckage: the remains of the Metro driven by Elizabeth Arnold, below, after it collided with a train

Father tells of fatal rail crash

THE father of a teenage driver killed when her car hit a train on a level crossing told yesterday how he found her body. Dr Peter Arnold, a physics researcher at Surrey University, had gone looking for his daughter Elizabeth, 17, after she failed to turn up at a gymnastics class.

It is believed that Miss Amold, who had passed her driving test a week earlier, had been blinded by sunlight

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CORRESPONDENT

THE rate of heterosexually

acquired Aids in Britain is one

of the lowest in Europe, ac-

cording to the latest figures.

They show that the epidemic's progress is slower here than in

men and women had caught

Aids as a result of heterosexual

intercourse, of whom 544 had

partners who were bisexual,

came from abroad, or were

injecting drugs. The rate, at

under 10 cases per million

population, is less than a quarter of that in France and

most European countries. Up to last September, 600 and had failed to see the warning lights on the cross-ing at Wokingham, Berkshire. Her car collided with the train and was carried down the track.

Dr Arnold, of Woking-ham, said: "Lizzy had left home in good time to get to the gym club ... It's a journey that only takes five minutes but about half an hour later, when she hadn't arrived, they phoned us. I

got in my car and went to look for her. When I got to the crossing I found the police and paramedics at the scene and I saw Lizzy's car. "I still can't believe it. She had such a great love of life. She was doing very well at school and had a great future ahead of her."

Miss Arnold was studying for her A levels and had been offered places at five univer-



Private ambulances criticised by union

By JEREMY LAURANCE

BRITAIN'S first private emergency ambulance service is launched in London today to protests from Lahour and health service unions, who say it will further undermine the beleaguered London Ambulance Service.

The private service, mod-elled on similar ones in the US, will provide emergency cover to subscribers within London and the Home Counties and has a fleet of 14 ambulances and ten back-up vehicles.

Subscribing callers are promised an answer within 15 seconds but response times for the ambulances are not guaranteed.

Richard Sage, of Belmont Medicover, which claims 1,000 subscribers are paying £35 a year for individual cover and £65 for family cover, said the service aimed for a 20-

minute response time. The London Ambulance Service has been criticised for slow response times and unan-swered calls after the breakdown of its computer system and is now the subject of an enquiry. David Blunkett. Labour's health spokesman, said he would be asking Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to explain the legal status of the service. Stewart Barber, of the National Union of Public Employees, said the move would introduce a twotier emergency service and undermine the London Ambulance Service enquiry.

Low Aids Britain's ethnic population tops 3m figures

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

BRITAIN'S ethnic community has risen above three million people, which is 380,000 more than previous estimates according to a detailed study of the 1991 census published today. People from ethnic communities make up 5.5 per cent of the total British population of 54.8 million, with 840,000 Indians forming the single largest group, 499,000 Caribbeans, 475,000 Pakistanis, 207,000 black Africans, 160,000 Bangladeshis and 157,500 Chinese.

The study is based on the first census to include a question on ethnic status, designed to provide policy-makers with a much more accurate figure on the size and composition of Britain's black, Asian and Chinese communities. According to earlier government surveys, the ethnic community was estimated to be 2.6

Black and Asian communities are concentrated in southeast England and the West Midlands, according to the study, which also found that in 29 local authority areas ethnic minorities accounted for more than 15 per cent of the population. They continue to be concentrated in poorer inner-city and traditional manufacturing areas.

David Owen, research fellow at the Centre for Ethnic Relations at Warwick University, said: "The overall figures are higher that we had expected and we estimated that the size of the ethnic minority population has risen by 1.3 per cent in the ten years to 1991."

Almost 45 per cent of the ethnic population lives in Greater London compared with only 10.3 per cent of the country's white population. In the West Midlands, the Birmingham City Council area is home to 206,000 people from ethnic minority groups, the largest figure for any local authority.

Dr Owen said: "There is as yet little

evidence that the geographical distribution of the ethnic minority community is changing. The areas where they were living in 1991 remain much the same as they were a decade earlier.

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Britain also has one of the lowest rates of Aids among

injecting drug users, at under

five cases per million popula-

tion compared with 240 per

million in Spain, 156 in Italy and 77 in France.
Overall, Britain's rate of

Aids cases at 10.68 per 100.000 population — a total

of 6,555 cases — is better than

many other European coun-

tries. In northern and western

Europe most cases have been

in homosexual and bisexual

men, while in southern Europe, where there is more

drug abuse, most cases result

the figures for Aids understate

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RELATIVES and friends of the 35 Britons who died in the Nepal air crash two months ago criticised the Foreign Office and a company of international undertakers yesterday for lack of infor-mation about the identification of victims and plans for a mass funeral.

Some who had expected to travel to Kathmandu for the funeral this week have yet to be told officially that it has been postponed until some time next year. They have accused all the agencies involved of "passing the buck" over their responsibilities. This further distress for relatives

follows meetings with lawyers last week which made it clear that little compen-sation will be available from Pakistan International Airlines, on whose flight the passengers were travelling. One solicitor plans to appeal to PIA to follow the recent example of Japanese airlines and waive compensation limits. Sixty-four of the 167 passengers and

crew who died when the airbus crashed further information about her daughter into a hilltop on approach to Kathmandu airport have been identified. They include 19 Britons, most of whom have been flown home for burial, although Andrew and Helen Wilkins and their three small children, who had been sent out by a Christian mission to conduct

aid work, were buried in Nepal.

Dawn Statham, whose daughter
Cathy has not been identified, planned to fly to Kathmandu with her husband this week. "We have not been told by officials that the funeral has been postponed. We have found out by hearsay," Mrs Statham, of Northallerton, North Yorkshire, said. "I have spoken to the Foreign Office and suggested it is their responsibility to keep up informed."

keep us informed." Mrs Statham said that when she made enquiries about her daughter being identified with Kenyan Emergen-cy Services, the London international undertakers handling the identification

to assist its staff. But the company was unable to specify exactly what informa-tion it required. Andy Broom, a close friend and

business partner in Sheffield of Mark Miller, a leading mountaineer who died on the flight, said: "Sadly, criticism of the Foreign Office is all too common in these circumstances. But we are also annoyed at Kenyan. Mark's girlfriend went to Kathmandu after the accident and asked to claim his belongings but was told that was impossible. A member of Kenyan's staff in London has now said she should have claimed the possessions in Nepal but it is too late now as they have been destroyed." The Foreign Office yesterday said Kenyan was dealing with identification

and the mass funeral. The company said it was acting on behalf of PIA. The airline blamed the Nepalese authorities for delays over the funeral. Kenyan said its chief executive had returned to of victims, the firm asked if she had any Nepal to try to sort out difficulties.

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Architects begin planning Windsor Castle restoration

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BARELY a week after the Windsor Castle fire, prefiminary work has started on a restoration project expected to require many traditional skills

of the highest quality.

Architects surveying the wreckage are convinced that there are more than enough craftsmen in Britain ready to take on one of the biggest challenges of their professional lives. Workmen are on site preparing to erect a metal canopy that will act as a temporary roof over the northeast corner of the Upper Quadrangle Any further pen-etration by water or frost will seriously weaken the damaged outer masonry walls, which were splintered by the hear.

Equally urgent is the rescue of an important piece of exterior stonework that is in imminent danger of collapsing on to the east terrace. The wall above the bay window of the Crimson Drawing Room was so damaged that it may tumble at any time. Contrac-

Experts will have no difficulty finding enough highly skilled British workers to restore Windsor Castle to glory

keep it in place. Experts from English Heritage moved in last week as soon as the fire had been doused to sift through the charred debris, which is 6ft deep in places and was the result of the collapse of roof, ceilings and floors in what was St George's Hall. They will search for any recoverable piece of the internal littings or decoration that

might be rescued or copied.

A preliminary survey shows that the ornate plaster of the banqueting hall, fashioned and painted to look like a beamed wooden ceiling, is almost totally lost, but in the Grand Reception Room, once a showniece of the lavish Louis XV style, about 20 per cent of its decorative plaster ceiling may be recoverable. The Grinling Gibbons woodcarvings which graced the walls of St George's Hall appear to

have survived intact, if somewhat blackened. John Thorneycroft, advisory

architect on Crown buildings and monuments for English Heritage, says that the main challenge of restoration will be high-quality plasterwork. Specialists from as far away as Eastern Europe, including a Polish team which restores the baroque palaces of the old imperial east, have registered interest, but Mr Thorneycroft believes there will be no need to go outside Britain. "The current fashion for neo-classical building has meant a resurgence of demand for the skills of fine plastering. We should have no trouble in finding top-grade home-

grown craftsmen." Grenville Welch, of the Federation of Plasterers, says that his member companies have ings, at the Dorchester and Langham Hilton hotels in London, 10 Downing Street, Kensington Palace and the Assembly Rooms in Bath.

The Windsor Castle project will require the skills of carpenters, gilders, mirror restorers, picture conservators, decorators and, if a decision is taken to rebuild the damaged organ in the private chapel,

Contracts for the work will not be given for some time, until the experts decide exactly how the apartments should be restored. Internal restoration is unlikely to start for several years. A proper roof must be built, the building must be allowed to dry out thoroughly from the firefighters' water. and hundreds of tons of charred debris have to be examined and sorted.

However, specialist com-panies are already writing letters of interest to the royal household. Many learnt much from the restoration of Hampton Court after the fire there in



Fine art: Valentine Walsh, a conservator, puts her talent to work at her studio near Westmister Bridge, London.

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National heritage will be in safe hands

By JULIA LLEWELLYN SMITH

DAVID Hayles is a master plasterer for Hayles and Howe, a Bristol company which specialises in ornamental plastering. The firm helped restore Missenden Abbey after it burnt down in 1985 and has won three awards from the Royal Institute of British Architects. After studying archi-tecture at Bristol University. Mr Hayles, 46, because a plasterer with no formal training in the 1960s because there weren't many people doing ornamental plastering

"I taught myself and every-one in the firm has been taught by me," he said. "It's a question of trial and error. Some work we did with some Arabs helped us, because they wanted a recen done in an Egyptian style. We had to look up the kind of designs they DOOKS and then whatever was

David Ashton and his twin brother, Colin, have both been joiners with James Longley and Co in Crawley, Sussex. since they left school in 1976. They worked on the restoration of Hampton Court after the fire there. David said You learn a lot of your craft from the older joiners; you have to work with them and learn your skills that way. I'm

still learning now."
Patricia Jackson is "probably the only mirror conservamirrors at Hampton Court by back together. People don't notice that I've stack the glass back together. They don't think broken univers can be mended," she said.

After a fine arts degree, she did an apprenticeship at the British Museum in archaeo logical conservation, and went on to specialise in ceramics

and glass.
Valentine Walsh, 39, is a picture restore), but prefers to be called a conservator. She took a degree in chemistry and art history in America, then did an apprenticeship with a London. She analyses the

layers of paintings, relouches paint or sticks it back down. sometimes transfers paintings to new canvases. The most important thing is to be humble and make sure your work is reversible."

Dick Reid has the largest wood and stone carving studio in the country. Based in York, his studio has worked on the restoration of scores of historical buildings, including Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London. We design the wood and stone, doing asymmetric patterns and would have difficulty drawing a straight line. If you are an artist and have a burning fire tor in the country". After the in your belly to do this, you will 1986 fire, she restored the acquire the necessary manual dexterity.



Twin effort: expert joiners David and Colin Ashton

Prince of Wales urged to chair committee

By JOHN YOUNG

Brigade officers on the Windsor blaze is expected to be presented to the Queen today. It may end speculation about the cause of the fire and answer queries on the effectiveness of safety measures at the castle

The debate is likely to continue, however, on how the damaged areas should be restored and under whose direction. The argument is between those who want to

see the rooms restored exactly, and those who want to add a 20th century contribution

to the building.

The national heritage department, which will fund the restoration, is believed to favour a "state of the art" approach allowing the work of the best modern architects to be seen by future genera-

There is a growing fear.

A REPORT by Berkshire Fire however, that decisions may be made too hastily. Marcus Binney, president of Save Britain's Heritage, suggested yesterday that a committee should be set up under the chairmanship of the Prince of Wales to consider the options.

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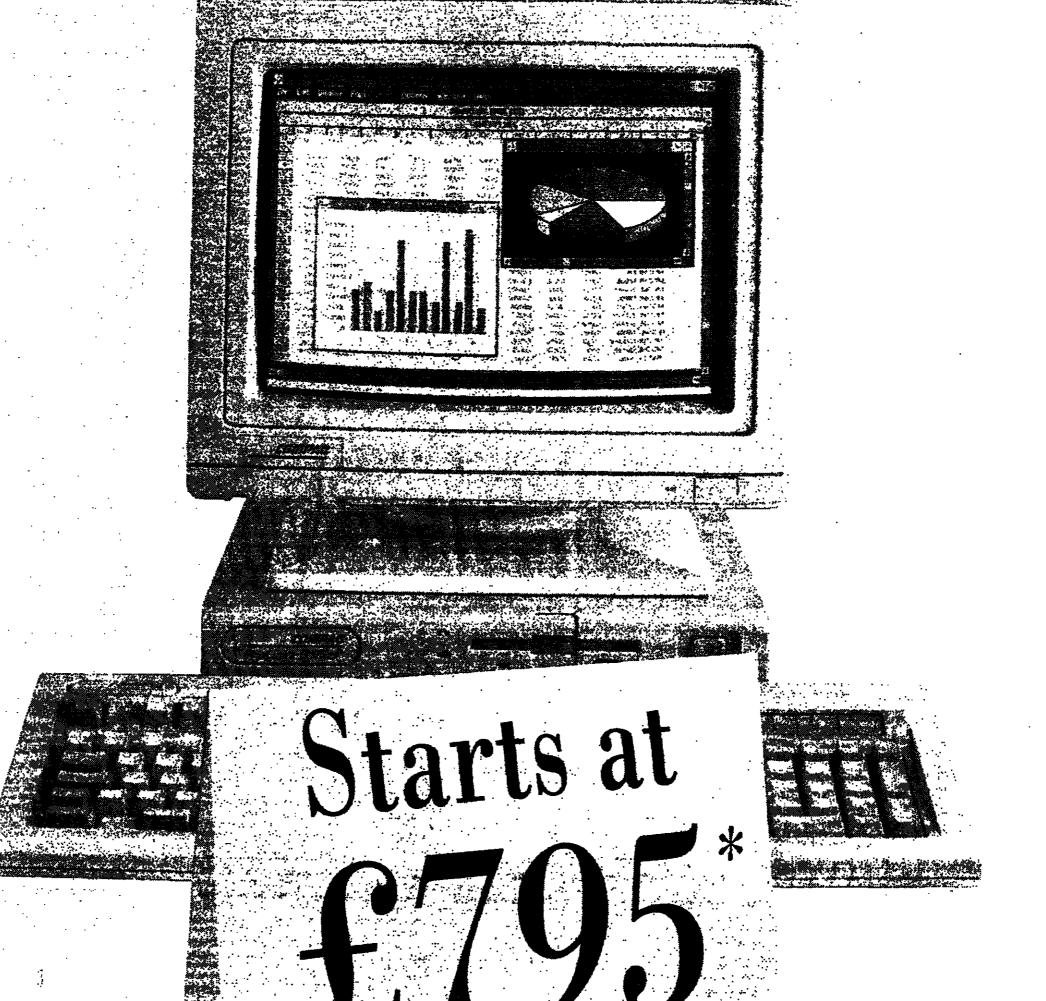
"Too many doctrinaire solutions are being put for-ward," he said. "It is far too early to start talking about an architectural competition before we have made a proper archaeological assessment of what is already there."

The latest theory on how the fire started — reported in The Observer — identifies a spollight left on in the Queen's private chapel, and suggests that it set fire to a

Stewart Kidd, director of the Fire Protection Association, who chaired a working party two years ago on fire prevention in historic buildings, said at the weekend that damage could have been tions, rather than a "pas-greatly reduced if its recon-tiche" of earlier architectural mendations had been followed at Windsor, including the installation of sprinklers.

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EC calls for more training to improve **UK** economy

IN BRUSSELS

A LONG history of bad industrial training and even worse labour relations are the only reasons Britain has a case for its controversial European Community budget rebate, according to Vasso according to Papandreou, the EC commissioner for social policy. Be-tween them, she told The Times, they had ruined the British economy

Mrs Papandreou quoted research showing that skill differences alone accounted for 55 per cent of the difference in productivity between Ger-many and Britain. While every EC member had to be allowed to develop its own training methods, they should also be prepared to learn from each other, she said. Britain, in particular, needed to invest much more in training skills.

"Britain was a very big power and now it is trailing most of the Community. It is sad that you are eighth in per capita income among the 12 countries of the Community."

Britain insists on keeping its controversial £2 billion annual rebate because it is the second-largest contributor to the EC budget, even though it is poorer than seven of its partners. With poorer Mediterranean countries seeking extra EC money to help boost their economies, Britain is now under the strongest pressure to give up the rebate, which was prised from reluctant members by Margaret Thatcher in 1984. The row over this is one of the more difficult issues threatening to ruin John Major's chances of turning next month's EC summit in Edinburgh into a

"Britain is near the bottom of the Community table," Mrs Papandreou said. "I do hope that you will reverse this situation because we don't need more countries looking for help from the EC social fund, especially with the reduced Community budget that is proposed by the UK." Mrs Papandreou said the problems of bad labour rela-



■ The Times examines UK training as it comes under fire at home and abroad

tions and inadequate training had "deep roots". "The way operate with the training institutions, the way it has not planned ahead, the lack of cooperation between the social partners; all these issues are very much related to the lack

of, or low skills in the UK." "It is difficult to have figures to show how much is spent on training but I think it is safe to say that Britain is not among the highest spenders. On the contrary, the amount of money that is spent there on training is relatively less than it is in other countries that are more successful."

Overall she said Britain had "a very negative attitude towards all the social issues" and was one of the countries that always tried to water down EC proposals aimed at improving social affairs. She accepted however, that there were signs of change. "They have started to realise that the unions exist and even the CBI has started to realise that dialogue with a union is not something that should be prohibited but, on the contrary, is sometimes

She was cautious about initiatives in Britain to certify skills through new National Vocational Qualifications and to direct training through local Training and Enterprise Councils. She said she was not sure whether the schemes would succeed, but was convinced Britain's only way out training standards.



True mettle: Clair Martin, 18, is one of six girls in Britain learning farriery - where unemployment is unknown

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

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THE traditional image of the blacksmith as a muscle-bound simpleton wielding a hammer is being beaten into a gentler shape in a Cambridgeshire forge by Claire Martin, 18, one of six girls in Britain learning the ancient skills of

Claire is in the second year of a fouryear apprenticeship which includes onthe job training in the Newmarket smithy of Simon Curtis, a fourth-generation master farrier whose family has specialised in putting shoes on race horses for more than 100 years.

During the course Claire will also spend 27 weeks at the School of Farriery Hereford, run by the engineering department of Herefordshire College of

By Nicholas Watt

A GENERATION of young people is being wasted with no chance of a job and little hope of training, says Tony Lloyd, Labour employment

The government had cut

spending so drastically that a

quarter of young people could

not find a supposedly guaran-teed Youth Training place, he

said yesterday. Hundreds of

thousands in the 16-25 age

generation should be the life-

spokesman.

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equine anatomy, veterinary science and small business management

Tuition fees and lodging while at the school are met by a Youth Training scheme grant from the Hereford and Worcester Training and Enterprise Council (Hawtec). The exact level of funding has to be negotiated each year, but will run to about £6,500 in all.

At the end of the course Claire will sit an exam set by The Worshipful Company of Farriers, founded in 1356, and if she passes will obtain a diploma enabling her to practise as one of Britain's 2,150

blood of the future and should

be in employment for the next 40 years. Failing to train them makes a mockery of the gov-ernment's boasts about train-

Labour would improve the

quality of training, but Mr Lloyd would not say whether this meant cutting places. "We would change the emphasis

from a system that massages

the figures to one of quality.

Training should not be about

getting as many people on

The government's £2.8 bil-

increased, though Mr Lloyd

registered horse-smiths. The trainee who stays the course is virtually guaranteed a job. An apprentice earns £3,500 a year

rising to £7,000 in the fourth year.

"There is no such thing as an unemployed farrier," Mr Curtis said. "Horse-racing, which gives us 90 per cent of our business in Newmarket, is going through a lean time, but there is plenty of work.

Even a ban on fox-bunting, if that comes, won't be dispersions. won't be disastrous. People aren't going to shoot their horses. They will use them for other things."

Claire is so confident about her prospects that her father, an aircraft engineer, has already applied for planning permis-sion to build a forge in a field at the family home at Swanton Morley in Norfolk. "As a child I had my own pony and watched out. I wanted to be a farrier from the age

Opposition attacks 'waste of a generation'

The employment depart-ment's budget paled in com-parison with the amount of money spent on maintaining the unemployed "Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, has said that it costs £9,000 a year for every unemployed person in benefits and lost taxation," Mr Lloyd said. "It costs many billions to government to dikute the qual-ity of training. This year only £2.8 billion spent on 27 per cent of people on training."

Employment Training achieved a qualification, com-

pared with 30 per cent last

consider university tuition fees By John O'Leary

Labour to

THE TIMES SATURDAY NOVEMENT

UP TO a fifth of university students would pay tuinon fees ımder a Labour front-bench spokesman's plan for affluent families to finance expansion in higher education.

The scheme, put forward in a weekend speech by Jeff Rooker, Labour's higher education spokesman, would reverse the party's traditional support for free tuition on fulltime university courses. No party has dared to tamper with the system since Lord Joseph was forced to withdraw a reform package in the early

University vice-chancellors have tried without success to persuade the government to take an initiative on "top up" fees. Successive education secretaries have told the universities that they are free to levy extra fees, but have refused to endorse the change.

University College London and the London School of Economics have considered the introduction of private fees, but decided against a switch. However, a settlement in this month's Autumn Statement that will cramp many universities' expansion plans, is certain to bring renewed pressure for a rethink by ministers. Budgets for 1993-4 assume that intakes of new students are held to this year's

Mr Rooker has placed the issue on Labour's agenda because he fears that the widening of access to higher education will be halted unless a new source of funding is found for universities. He told members of the Socialist Educational Association in Staffordshire that equity demanded a "contribution from the wealthy" to be considered.

More than a quarter of fulltime university students are already denied maintenance grants because their parents earn too much for them to qualify. However, their fees of between £1,885 and £2,770 are paid by the state.
Mr Rooker said that details

margin of grant payments

of his proposal were still being

worked out, but families at the

Smoke-free bonus for motorists

Drivers who do not smoke will be eligible for cheaper car insurance, according to the Institute of Insurance Brokers, which says research shows that smokers are twice as likely to crash than non-smokers. Even teetotal motorists who amokehave double the number of accidents of non-smokers

Plans are being prepared to introduce a 12.5 per cent discount on insurance for drivers who sign a pledge that they do not smoke. The findings are based on studies in the United States and Canada, where experts say smoking and holding a cigarette is a distraction while driving while coughing fits and fum bling for a cigarette can also cause people to lose control.

Wigs away

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, says ndges courtroom dress may have contributed to the belief that the judiciary is out of touch. He has offered to do away with his wigs and called on his senior colleages to discard their "self-imposed isolation".

Queen's card

The Queen Mother has sent Desert Orchid a get-well card, one of hundreds that have arrived for the racehorse, dominal surgery last week. Most were addressed to 'Desert Orchid, Newmarket', but have found their way to the equine intensive care unit, where Dessie is doing well

Nazi graffiti

A German tourist had his Volkswagen Golf daubed with swastikas and the word Nazi in Buckingham, Bucking-hamshire. Patrick Leisau, 20, from Hamburg, returned from an evening our to find his car covered in green spray paint. The vehicle has German number plates.

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Hunt may approve Welsh riverbank waste site despite fear of toxic leaks

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY

THE government is preparing to overrule objections from water companies in Wales and England and allow a waste tip on the banks of a river supplying water to more than two million people, even though the tip will eventually produce toxic liquid waste,

would not disclose figures. "We can't say how much we would spend because we do

not know what unemploy-

cent cut in the government's training budget announced in

this month's Autumn State-

ment hid a much sharper

boast about spending £2.8 billion on training sounds impressive. But that is paltry

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Mr Lloyd said the three per

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probably for many years.

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, said he was "minded" to overrule Clwyd County Council and allow Britain's biggest waste disposal company. Shanks and McEwan, to site the tip on the banks of the River Dee at Peny-y-bont near Chirk. The river is one of Britain's premier salmon rivers and daily supplies drinking water to four water companies downstream.

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His intention was described by Friends of the Earth as "mortgaging the future for water consumers." It goes against the stated wishes of 11 local authorities, eight angling associations, at least six environmental or countryside pressure groups and more than a thousand individuals,

besides the four water companies concerned. The tip, in an old clay pit in a loop of the river, is intended to receive nearly two million tons of industrial, commercial and household waste, which will produce thousands of gallons of highly toxic effluent, known as leachate, as it rots.

The four water companies, Welsh Water, North West Water, and the smaller Wrexham and Chester companies, draw over three quarters of a million litres a day from the river for 2.223,000 customers in North Wales, Merseyside and the North West.

They vigorously objected to Shanks and McEwan's plan at a public enquiry last year, on the grounds that the leachate, which will be produced for decades after the five years it will take for the tip to fill, might eventually seep into the

river and pollute it. The site, they said, was "wholly unsuitable". The enquiry was held after Clwyd County Council refused the company planning permission for the tip on the same grounds, and Shanks and McEwan appealed.

Mr Hunt is now backing the enquiry inspector, Mr D. L. Robins, who, with the National Rivers Authority, accepted the company's assurances that the design of the tip, with an engineered day lining



3ft thick and a gradient sloping away from the river, would make any risk of pollution minimal. The water companies' objection. Mr Robins said in his report, was "subjective".

Before giving his final deci-sion, the Welsh secretary is believed to be waiting for an agreement between Shanks and McEwan and Clwyd. committing the company to monitoring and removing the leachate for perhaps 30 years or more after it is filled by waste. But his basic intention to grant permission has been made clear in a letter sent to the company from the Welsh

"It is a short-sighted decision, and it is just creating a dangerous legacy for the future," said Stuart Howarth, managing director of Wrex-ham Water. But Michael Philpott, technical director of Shanks and McEwan's waste services division, said the engineering of the tip would make the risk of polluting the river "so minute as to be insignificant". The company had put together a careful design that met all the containment requirements, he said.

A LAW FOR PRIVACY?

SHOULD there be a law to protect privacy? Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, and Lord Williams of Mostyn, OC. will join Simon Jenkins, the former

editor of The Times, and Richard Shepherd MP to debate the issue at the London Press Centre, New Street Square. London EC4 on December 2 at 6.30pm (071-704 9941). Lord Woolf will be in the chair. To obtain tickets to the forum, Should there be a law to protect

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Yeltsin urges supporters to unite against anti-reformers

FROM ANNE McElvoy in moscow

A CONFIDENT President Yeltsin admitted at the weekend that he had made "tactical compromises" in the run-up to tomorrow's crucial Congress of People's Deputies, but said that his strategy was to keep Russia's reforms alive.

Speaking to Moscow intel-lectuals in his last public appearance before some 1,000 leputies attend the twice yearly meeting of the "super-parl-iament". Mr Yeltsin denied that he had given ground on reform to the centre-right grouping Civic Union, dominated by the military-industri-al complex, adding: "We had some reshuffles. They were not easy decisions, but this is in no way a rejection of radicalism

Mr Yeltsin urged his supporters to set up a united



Burbulis: shift of post

Nuclear cover-ups alleged

By Robert Seely

UKRAINE'S former political and scientific leadership covered up details of two nuclear accidents in Kiev nearly 20 years ago. Ukrainian press reports say.

According to letters released from the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences and reported in Kievskie Vedomosty, the country's leading independent newspaper, two nuclear accidents, one of which released radioactivity into the atmosphere, occurred in 1968 and 1970, long before Chemobyl.

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Nuclear power has remained controversial here since the 1986 Chernobyl disaster. Although parliament announced Chernobyl's closure last year amid demands by some deputies that Ukraine should abandon civil nuclear power, two of the four reactors at the power station will be operating again by the end of

The No 3 reactor, which shares a building with the core that exploded in 1986, spilling radiation over a wide area Eastern and Central Europe and beyond, was reactivated late last month. The No 1 reactor is expected to be operating by the middle of next month. The second reactor at the site was closed permanently after a fire in the building last year.

Ukraine's government has been compelled to reopen the Chernobyl plant because of a chronic shortage of electricity that threatens to close much of

political force to help him fight resistance to change. "Radical reforms need a strong social base." he said, "We need a political force and I as president must be part of it." When he carne to power, Mr Yeltsin was backed by the liberal Democratic Russia group, an anti-communist forum which has since split into factions. The Russian leader has found himself hampered by the absence of a party structure during the recent struggle with hardline opponents.

The Russian president also admitted yesterday that it was necessary to modify the reforms to satisfy the industrial sector, and carefully chose catch-words like "realism" "socially-oriented policies" to appease those who want change slowed and measures to forestall mass unemployment and factory closures.

Mr Yeltsin gave a bravura performance of calculated duplicity, played, with barely a of embarrassment, to both the reformers' and the conservatives' galleries. The Congress, which has a conservative majority, has the power to unseat Mr Yeltsin's government or deflect its course. Mr Yeltsin has sought to establish a stable support base by woo-ing the pragmatists of Civic Union to back him against the united opposition of extreme Russian nationalists and hardline former communists who have plotted to use economic discontent to push for his resignation.

Last week Mr Yeltsin sacrificed two of the aides who haid figured on Civic Union's hit list, sacking his information minister. Mikhail Poltoranin and moving Gennadi Burbulis, state secretary, to another post, prompting fears in the democratic camp that he was selling out to conservatives.
But Mr Yeltsin seems to have preferred to give Civic Union a couple of well-known heads on a platter than haggle with them over reform strategy.

For those accustomed to some consistency in their politicians. Mr Yeltsin's swings between the role of defiant reformer and wily compromise merchant are confusing; yes-terday he was back in the role of fiery radical. But Russian politics in today's feverish of principle to flexibility. Mr Yeltsin's tactical prowess looks like getting him through the week with his reforms intact perhaps at the price of sacrificing a further couple of luckless

Yesterday Russian air-traffic controllers said that they would begin an indefinite strike tomorrow. The move could pitch Mr Yeltsin's government into its first big clash with organised labour. The strike, declared illegal by the

courts, was postponed by a day

to allow the Congress deputies to arrive in Moscow. □ Warsaw: Forces of the former Soviet Union still stationed in Poland say they intend to fire warning shots if they are threatened. The announcement came after local youths stoned their barracks at Legnica, the PAP news agency reported. Relations between Russia and Poland were strained by the vandalising near Legnica last month of the graves of Soviet soldiers who

died in the war. (Reuter)

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Called as a witness: Elie Wiesel, front right, the Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate, touring Sarajevo yesterday with President Izetbegovic of Bosnia.

Mr Wiesel was invited by Belgrade to support its arguments that there is no comparison between Serb and Nazi camps

the winter, keep the region

under artillery attack and

then start again in the

spring." British troops based nearby

in Vitez appear to be a calming influence. Travnik

was heavily shelled for three

days earlier this month, send-

ing the population scurrying

into shelters. But when a

group of Warrior armoured

vehicles patrolled the town, a

reminder to the Serbs that the

UN forces are nearby, the

that the British soldiers do

Some locals are resentful

shelling was reduced.

Confidence grows in ranks of Travnik's 'doomed' defenders

FROM ADAM LEBOR, OUTSIDE TRAVNIK

BOSNIAN soldiers worked quickly, gouging holes from the rock at the side of the road and laying mines against any Serbian advance. The town of Turbe lay just over a mile down the road. It is pounded daily by Serbian artillery and likely to fall soon, bringing the Serbs comfortably within striking distance of Travnik.

Here on the outskirts of Travnik the precariousness of the Bosnian and Croat positions is all too evident. The boom of artillery fire and the crack of machineguns echo through the narrow valley. The Serb positions on the surrounding hill daily slam their deadly barrage into the winding streets of Ottoman houses and mosques.

Just a few days ago it was almost accepted wisdom that

Travnik, a city of 70,000 and now home to another 20,000 refugees, would fall soon. Travnik has been under a general alert for eight days but it appears that reports of its early death have been under joint Croatian-Bosnian command and its defences have been strengthened. Reinforcements have poured in after the recent fall of Jajce to the Serbs. That was a harsh lesson for heads from his entourage.

the Croat and Muslim armies

against the Serbs about the may well dig in for the winter necessity of co-operation and the war may temporarily against their common enemy. wind down. "Their strategic Fighting erupted earlier this aim is to connect Serbia with autumn between Croats and Serbian occupied Bosnia and Croatia," said Commander Kulenovic. "The tactics are to Muslims in Novi Travnik and the nearby town of Prozor. strengthen their positions for

Now though, the motto is co-operation, not conflict. Bosnian officers say that while there is still an undercurrent of tension in the field, officers are working together more easily. Both sides know that fresh lighting between Croats and Muslims will hand Travnik gift-wrapped to the waiting Serbs in the hills.

Bosnian officers say their

forces are outgumed and that they are short of artillery, but also that the Serbs' heavy guns are badly controlled. The Serbs concentrate on artillery because we lack heavy guns," said Ahmed Kulenovic, in charge of a 40-mile front-line section. "But they are badly organised and we always win against them in their infantry attacks. We have some mortars and lots of on infantry operations."

Commander Kulenovic

knows his enemy only too well. His Serbian opposite number, hurking in the hills, served with him in the Yugoslav army. Many Bosnian officers believe that if and fighting in Bosnia together when Turbe falls the Serbs

UN brings hope to embattled town

Continued from page I nian soldier, as the convoy finally rolled across the front line. Children scrapped for sweets tossed to them by UN troops, who gave away their own rations.

"Look at this," said one

woman thrusting forward a com and oat cake. "That's what we've been eating." Her husband's face was marked with shrappel wounds inflicted by a mine when he had ventured into the fields to gather corn. "We've been slaughtering the animals because we have nothing left to feed them," she said. In September a Serb aerial attack blew out their front room. Now the family of six sleeps in the one room they have left, par for the course here.

Since May Srebrenica has been without electricity, running water or communications. Radio hams provide the only link with the outside world. "We are totally physically isolated," said Harnet Salihovic, a military official. "The Serbs we can handle. But we need food and medicine desperately and the cold is the real problem." The siege has sent the town

back through time. There are no shops, all goods are bartered and, except for those with marks, money has ceased to exist. Those who live away from the front line are best off. Those with fields close to the front dice with death daily. They can only creep out to gather their crops at night. and many still fall victim to mines. Worst off are the refugees in town with neither

their own homes nor land. In Srebrenica hospital, torch bulbs have been taped to the walls, powered by lorry batteries. An old alcohol still is being used to distil water.

without anaesthetic, and the hospital has no medicines. "A disaster," said an incredulous Dr Dzevad Begic, when told that the convoy carried no medical supplies. "We have no disinfectants, no bandages, no infusions, no power and no

antibiotics. Hajro Rizvanovic, who suffered a throat wound on Friday, writhed in pain "Without medicine he'll die for sure," said Dr Begic. "With it he might survive. We needed the medicine more than the food." Doctors said 320 people had died in the hospital who could have survived if there had been medicine.

The town centre has been devastated. Outlying areas have also been badly damaged but some parts have escaped unscathed. Factories close to the front line have borne the brunt of the shelling and many shops were looted and rained when the Serbs retreated. On the other hand, Serb refugees in Bratunac also say that they fled when they were burned out of their homes by local Muslims.

Shortly before we pulled out, we encountered Nasir Oric, the local Bosnian commander, surrounded by a posse of Muslim defenders. He used to be the bodyguard of Slobodan Milosevic. Serbia's president. It is measure of the topsy-turvy world of former Yugoslavia that Commander Oric now wears a medallion inscribed with "Allah is Great" and leads the town's defence

An hour later, the empty UN lorries rolled back into Serb-held territory. "We'll let them have a good meal first and then we'll give it to them," chorded a Serb officer. As dusk fell, the Serb mortars opened up, and the suffering



not use their considerable fire power against the Serbian guns, which they could only do if they came under fire themselves. They understand the mandate from the United Nations," said Memet, a student, but they always wish that the British

soldiers could do more." But many of the Serb soldiers too are not aware of the diplomatic niceties of the British UN mandate and now in the Balkans might is right. The Serbs are likely to think twice before opening up against the

Shelling in Bosnia dims truce hopes

FROM HUGH PAIN

SHELLING and machinegun fire thudded through Sarajevo and other areas of Bosnia yesterday, hours before a truce between Bosnia's Serbs and neighbouring Croatia was due to take effect.

Two people were killed and two wounded overnight in Sarajevo's shell-battered old town, according to the police. In the new districts outside the city centre and western suburbs, gunmen kept up machinegun fire throughout the night and early morning. But the city centre was calm by The ceasefire, brokered by

Major General Philippe Morillon, head of the UN peacekeepers in Bosnia, commits Croats and Bosnian Serbs to stop cross-border shelling. Under the agreement, due to come into force from midnight last night, Zagreb will withdraw troops who are Croatian citizens — as opposed to Bosnian Croats. General Morillon said Cro-

atia had admitted for the first time that its regular army was deployed in parts of Bosnia. The discussions were not at-tended by either Bosnia's Croats or Muslims. Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim president, refused to take part in the discussions with Bosnian Serb officials.

Barry Frewer, the United Nations (Unprofor) spokes-man, said that Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader, was due to meet a high-ranking official of the Bosnian Croatian defence council at Sarajevo airport yesterday as part of an "ongoing process of ceasefire".

The Bosnian Serbs, Muslims and Croats signed a ceasefire accord on November 10 covering Bosnia which came into effect two days later. Although widely violated, it has succeeded in damping the fighting in some areas and is still regarded as a basis for further progress.

Yesterday, however, there was little sign of any further lull in fighting, with artillery attacks for hours on the northern towns of Gradacac and Tesanj, and a night of gunfire in Olovo, on a main road north from Sarajevo. (Reuter)

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volvement in such attacks. In

Lower Saxony, the police

seized an alleged "hit list"

containing the names of police

The level of social and

economic frustration among

eastern German youths, held

responsible for much of the

rise of right-wing extremism,

was shown in one of the most

Meinholf Schönborn, 36,

leader of the Nationalist

Front, has gone underground,

apparently with his leading associates. Rudolf Seiters, the

interior minister, insisted that

the ban on the Nationalist

Front had averted further

attacks and pointed to propa-

ganda seized from the front

that includes calls for a "racial-

revolts against the present

state. But Eckart Wertebach,

the head of Germany's anti-

subversion agency, said that

he feared the Mölln murders

would encourage fresh at-

tacks. Yesterday, a home for

asylum seekers in the eastern German town of Eberswalde

A former leader of Herr

Kohl's Christian Democratic

Union has joined in the

chorus of international and

domestic criticism of the chan-

cellor for his slowness to act

against extremist groups.

Rainer Barzel said that the

chancellor must finally "make

clear that the state has a

monopoly of force, that

Germany is a stable democra-

cy and not a banana republic".

The Social Democratic Party

demanded that the anti-sub-

versive agency should be

However, co-operation be-

tween government and oppo-

sition to end the crises

threatening Germany re-

ceived a setback at the week-

end when representatives of

the main parties failed to agree on a change in the

constitutional clause limiting

political asylum. The influx of

more than 400,000 asylum

seekers this year has been held

largely responsible for the rise

in right-wing violence against

Some of the basic aims of

the right - especially that of

stopping immigration — enjoy the support of most of the

German people, according to opinion polls. Even if the

parties do finally come togeth-

er to deal with this and other

problems, the fight against the

neo-Nazis will not be an easy

☐ Bonn: Herr Kohl said that

Germany could not live up to

its international duties yet and

would reject a permanent seat

on the United Nations Sec-

urity Council if it was offered (Reuter)

deal with underworld gangs

in the former Soviet Union to

set up a global crime ring dealing in narcotics and

nuclear-weapon materials.

The agreement, signed se-

cretly in Prague "in recent weeks", is said also to create a

lethal squad of killers from the ranks of former KGB agents

to protect the new illicit trade

with Iran and the world's drug

barons. The KGB men are to

be joined by Afghanistan war

veterans and the so-called "karate Mafia" of champion

Jiri Vacek, an expert on

international drug smuggling at the Czechoslovak federal

interior ministry, said the Ital-

ian and Russian Mafia lead-

ers had created a joint venture

that they hoped would oversee

two-fifths of world crime by

1997. Heads of the world's

anti-drug squads met amid

high security in the Adriatic

island of San Giorgio Mag-

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Kohl steps up assault on racist 'rabble' as asylum talks founder

By Anatol Lieven in Berlin and Our Foreign Staff

POLICE carried out raids immigrant, 25, and last night across Germany at the weekend on centres of the banned neo-Nazi Nationalist Front and seized small quantities of weapons and explosives. One man was arrested and several are to be charged.

"We must do everything to put the right-wing rabble ... in their place and hit these culprits with the full force of the law." Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, said in an interview on German radio.

As the crackdown on racist violence was intensified in Germany. four skinheads aged between 17 and 20 were detained in a Madrid suburb after the death of a Moroccan

a civil guard, 23, and three inveniles were charged with the killing of a Dominican maid in a neighbouring area on November 13. With the first two racial murders in Spain in living memory, there were demonstrations yesterday in several Spanish cities: according to police, 60,000 people gathered in Barcelona. Felipe González, the prime minister, also spoke out against racism, asking European governments to light the worsening situation while in-

serious riots to date in the troducing legislation to regueastern parts. Hundreds of youths in Leipzig fought run-ning battles with the police late immigration. In the area of Mölln, near Hamburg, where three Turkafter two of their number were arrested for vandalism. Twenty-four policemen and 14 Israel rebukes Bonn youths were injured.

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL demanded yesterday that German authorities crack down on right-wing and antisemitic activities after growing public anger here at the continued spate of neo-Nazi

In a rebuke against Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. the Israeli government issued a statement after its weekly cabinet meeting calling for the "full force of the law" to be used against right-wing extremists. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, responding to mounting pressure from members of his coalition government and the right-wing opposition, said that the world must be made aware of the threat of Nazism and stamp it out before it becomes a problem.

Germany only 60 years ago. the Holocaust was only 50 years ago," he said. "The memory of the world must be made aware of the potential threat. Let us not allow this phenomenon of the past to

the weekend when Israeli television aired a Germanmade documentary which juxtaposed film footage of second

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world war and modern

Germany to draw the compar-

ison between the rise of today's

neo-Nazi movement and the

emergence of Hitler. The opposition Likud party was the first to respond with Moshe Katsav, its chairman. demanding that the government consider punitive action against Bonn unless the threatened minorities in Germany were protected. Germany in this generation bears cardinal responsibility for one of the biggest crimes against humanity. It has to be the first to take steps to put down the revival of Nazism,"

diplomatic relations." Last night, Otto von der Gablentz, Germany's ambassador, said he sympathised with the rising tide of public Israelis not to isolate Germany and harm the democratic forces at work against the

he said. "If Germany cannot

do it, we should cut off

The rise of extreme rightwing organisations across Western Europe has led to a sharp rise in the number of Jews seeking to immigrate to Israel, particularly from Germany and France.

Shepherd keeps watch for Gatt veto ish people were killed in a fire bomb attack last week, eight

By SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN HARANEDERREA IN THE PYRENESS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

ohn Gummer, the agriculture minister, meets Jean-Pierre Soisson, his French counterpart, in London today amid rising Anglo-French tension over Gatt and threats by French farmers to ambush British lorries carrying farm produce.

Mr Gummer will tell M Soisson that violence by French farmers would be intolerable. He will also reassert the government's view that any cuts in farm subsidies under a Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and (rade) deal will be no worse than those European farmers will have to accept anyway under the reform of the

common agricultural policy. Exports of live Welsh lambs, that have gone up by 30 per cent over the past year, could be a prime target of militant French farmers. Two years ago about 300 sheep were poisoned or burnt alive in a series of attacks on British and Irish livestock cargoes by French farmers protesting against cheap

If Mr Gummer wants to reach the roots of French larming opposition to the Gatt deal, he should talk to Jean-Louis Gracy on his Pyrenean farm in Haranederrea, southwest France. M Gracy is pinning his hopes on a French veto of the deal in the run-up to the elections next March. French farmers are a fearsome political force, as their liery protests show. But if pressed, M Gracy will concede - in the end - that nothing lasts for ever. not even the old certainties of CAP subsidies

In the hard winter months. M Gracy likes to give talks to groups of city children, who come on day visits to his 55acre farm. He brings them to his barn, where there are about 200 sheep, and plays a countryman's trick on them: he tells the youngsters to speak to the animals to see if they answer back. The sheep ignore the children. M Gracy then utters a single word: "Eman" - "Come here" in the local Basque tongue. The sheep bleat like crazy.





Gummer: cautioning

Basque," he explains with a twinkle in his eye. M Gracy and his neighbours have a rural clannishness and a countryman's contempt for city ways and for city politicians who, they believe threaten France's rural traditions. He admits that his

The French as a whole claim that they are "close to the land". Pierre Bérégovoy the prime minister, ended his "no surrender" speech on Gatt last week with the words: "France will stick by its roots". But a century of urban, industrial development is taking its toll on the rural idyll to which so many Frenchmen remain romanti-

attempts to inform young-

sters are really a "dam-

building exercise".

cally attached. The farming organisations know that. Every time they hold a demonstration against Gatt in Paris, they are careful to bring fresh food and live animals with them as potent symbols to stir emotions. There is an automatic reflex in all French people that says 'the farmers are our friends'.' M Gracy says. "But it is slipping. Nowadays we get a

lot of Parisians coming down here to look for their image of the countryside. They buy land, build bungalows—then complain about the farmyard

The French obsession for food and wine has traditionally drawn rural and urban dwellers together. "It still does," M Gracy says. "But more and more city people do not have the time or the will to cook properly. They are eating a lot more frozen food. They do not know good farm produce from bad."

Gracys have been sheep farming in Haranederrea, or Beauty Valley, since 1770. In the winter. their 280 sheep and 14 cows stay in the valley. In the summer, M Gracy drives them high into the Pyrenees

to graze.
"This land has never been split up. We Basques are like that. Either the youngest or the oldest child always get it," he says, surveying his inheritance. But his three children, all girls, have opted for other careers — accountancy, teaching and pharmacy. The farm, at best, will go to a nephew when M Gracy retires 20 years from now. "We are near the chast

Pastoral peace: Jean-Louis Gracy with his sheep on his farm near Haranederrea, in the French Pyrenees. He

remains defiant, but admits that Gatt heralds changes coming to French agriculture.

fortune for development But I would never do that. Never " M Gracy sees farm ing as a vocation, almost a mission. "Without us, there would just be wild nature." But now, he admits, time is against the traditional French farm. He does not doubt that farmers will go on making a living. But there

tion", of which the impending Gatt deal is a harbinger. As in other parts of the EC. setting aside land for tourism may be part of the answer. Agri-tourism is the best

card we have to play. Two years ago we started doing bed and breakfast here during the summer. I should not tell you this, but it already accounts for 30 per cent of our income.

will be a "change of direc-

One of his first paying visitors was an elderly German man who. as a wartime officer, had occupied the Gracy farmhouse. "The Germans took my father away. and made him a prisoner of war." Now this former Ger-

man officer "says he is sorry, comes every year, and is learning to speak Basque". here, so I could sell it all for a Even a down-to-carth ovrenean farmer such as M Gracv finds this former officer's ion moving evidence o European reconciliation.

> there are also differences within the French farming community. Although they present a united front in public, M Gracy says, farmer has turned against farmer. The men in the valleys are more prosperous. They say they can live with a Gatt deal and cuts in CAP subsidies. and can still compete. But the less profitable hillside farmers say they need those

subsidies to survive." M Gracy says the Gatt deal, in its present state, will hit his own farm quite hard. with a 6 per cent reduction in meat quotas for his 14 cows. "We will light it all right. This election in March will help us to force the hand of the politicians. But if we lose, we will survive."

The question is whether the politicians in Paris have caught this whiff of ultimate

Mafia and former Soviet gangs join forces in crime

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE ITALY'S Mafia has signed a

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radioactive substances such as caesium, strontium, uranium-235 and plutonium, components for the production of nuclear weapons and other strategic materials." Mr Vacek said. "The main routes are

though a small amount goes through Poland and Hungary. Even if we were able to stop the business in strategic materials, drugs would still be carried along the same

The police believe eastern Europe has become a recruiting ground for Cosa Nostra. which aims to provide the commercial know-how for setting up new "business" ventures in the Commonwealth of Independent States and former satellite states.

Communist civil servants who lost their jobs after the break-up of the Soviet Union last year will join businessmen from the corrupt foreign trade companies in making contacts, finding markets and organising business "covers" for multi-million-pound moneylaundering operations, according to police intelligence. Most of the groups come

from Russia, but the police are particularly concerned about gangs of Islamic fundamentalists that have been established in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan with strong links to Iran. Mr Vacek said: "The most dangerous drug gangs to threaten Europe and the whole world are now being formed in the republics of the former Soviet Union. The experts in money-laundering former Soviet Union will reprotect the transit and distribution network."

Czechoslovakia lies at the crossroads of crime between East and West and is now being closely monitored by Western security organi-sations. Russian and Ukrainian gangs have already moved in and are fighting a bitter battle with the Czech Malia of pimps, taxi drivers and black marketeers for control of Prague. A Russian was shot dead on a main street and a Ukrainian was stabbed earlier this year. Two men, believed by the police to be members of the new Czech crime organisation, were later sentenced for murder and attempted murder.

Much of Prague's new property market is believed to have been funded by dirty money, but recent attention has focused on Kosice, in Slovakia, the first town across the border from Ukraine, where reports say that children are being offered free hard

drugs on the streets.
The Czechoslovak interior ministry staged a huge raid on Ostrava airport in Moravia last year apparently after being tipped off that it was being used as an entry point for red mercury, a radioactive material used in the produc-

'Mr Bribes' jailed by Milan court

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

POLITICIANS implicated in the corruption scandal gripping Milan over the past nine months had their hopes of demency dashed when a judge sentenced Mario Chiesa, a key Socialist figure known as "Signor Tangenti" (Mr Bribes), to six years in prison despite his collaboration with investigators.

During the trial in Milan. lawyers for Chiesa, 48, former president of Milan's largest hospice, the Pio Albergo Trivulzio, argued that he should receive a more lenient term because he had voluntarily returned six billion lire (£2.8 million) taken in bribes from businessmen in return for lucrative public works projects. But on Saturday, Judge Italo Ghitti ordered Chiesa to serve the full term demanded by Antonio Di

Pietro, the prosecutor. Nerio Diodá, for the defence, said his client would appeal. "Chiesa had the misfortune to be the first one arrested and to become the symbol of the corruption of Italy." he said. "In reality, he was part of a system that involved nearly everyone."

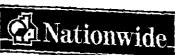
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From Gabriella Gamini

UNIFORMED gunmen arrived in the middle of the night, during curfew hours, to drag Nancy Pimentel away from her brick house in the shanty town of Chosica, a huge urban overspill 20 miles outside Lima the capital. She was beaten in front of neighbours, blindfolded and shoved into

the back of a Jeep.

The student, 25, "disappeared" for almost a month and says she was tortured by members of the Peruvian security forces after she was taken to an interrogation camp on October 10 and accused of being a Shining Path guerrilla. Señora Pimentel says she has no connections with the Maoist rebels. She was released by her captors after torture and was dumped unconscious miles

from her home. "I don't know

where I was taken that night," she said. "Those who interrogated me said they were the anti-terrorist police. They asked questions about my university and said they had followed me and seen me taking part in terrorist meet-

ings.
"When I denied I had anything to do with the Shin-ing Path, they applied electric shocks to my fingers and breasts. I fainted several times. When I woke up they kept asking the same questions and they punched me several times in the stomach," she added as she sat in her damp, dark living room, showing the scars of the beatings.

From the small cell where

she was kept without food and blindfolded she said she heard

the screams of another woman

being tortured and claims also

to have heard soldiers exercis-

ing. "They released me after

22 days when I agreed to sign

Human rights organ-isations claim there has been a rise in human rights violations by security forces since President Fujimori initiated a coup in April when he gave the armed forces increased emergency powers to launch an all-

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Unlike Señora Pimentel, a

group of nine students and a

professor from the university she attends, La Universidad

de la Cantuta, "disappeared" on July 18 and repeated attempts by relatives and hu-

man rights activists to find them have failed. Daniel Pe-rez, a researcher at the univer-

sity, said he saw Hugo Muñoz

Sanchez, a professor, being

dragged away with his stu-dents in daylight by security

forces. But officers at the army

camp near by and the anti-

terrorist police. Dincote, have

denied the group has been

not been maltreated.

out war against Shining Path

The army and death squads linked to the security forces are indiscriminately 'disappearing' people they say detentions are clandestine and there are no trials or rights for those people detained." Francisco Soberon, director of the Peruvian Association of Human Rights, said.

Since the Shining Path launched its terrorist violence to install a Maoist regime in Peru the guerrillas have committed some of the most ruthless human rights violations. More than 25,000 people have died in political violence in 12 years. They have targeted political figures, community leaders and sol-diers, and killed thousands of campesinos or peasant farmers who resist joining the guerrillas. At the weekend, army troops, supported by

nelicopters, occupied a Shining Path camp in Ayacucho, the cradle the insurgency, causing between 30 and 40 guerrilla casualties.

"Human rights violations committed by the state — or a government that says it is committed to democracy are of great concern." Senor Soberon said. Human rights organisations have registered more than 3,000 disappearances since 1983. With people found dead or eventually re-leased, the figure rises to 5.000.

In the seven months since

the coup on April 5 coup there have been more than 300 cases. But violations often occur in remote areas where it is impossible to register cases, ther real figures are thought to be higher. "The situation is of control." Javier Ciurlizza. a human rights activist, said. "The security forces have emergency powers in more than half the country. There are no trials and the trials that do exist are undertaken by anonymous judges." The detention of journalists,

such as José Ramirez Garcia on August 17, have received the most publicity. The sociologist and journalist was de-tained in his home town of in southern Peru, because he was found in possession of the book on the Shining Path by Simon Strong, a British journalist. "This book is hardly sympa-thetic to the Shining Path, but Garcia has been held incommunicado for many months and no amount of pressure from human rights groups to President Fujimori have helped to get him a fair trial,"

Señor Ciurtizza said. The most frequent victims of violations are campesinos in areas with strong guerrilla presence, such as the northern San Martin province, and

town of Hunacayo, 125 miles outside Lima, eight "disappeared" students were found dead and dismembered three weeks ago, after witnesses saw them being detained by anti-

terrorist policemen. Since security forces began a dampdown on the Shining Abimael Guzmán, its leader, in a Lima suburb in September, there have also been mass arrests in shanty town areas surrounding the capital where the rebels are believed to have the most support. "Dozens of innocent people are being taken simply because they are social workers, working with the poor or have left-wing affiliations. Señor Soberon

"The army is adopting the same terror tactics as the terrorists. In this way President Fujimori will never be able to put an end to violence."

Black gunmen slay four whites at wine party in South Africa

From William Maclean in Johannesburg knives. Eighteen people have

been killed in attacks around

Johannesburg since Friday,

ional party MP who attended

the function at the multiracial

The African National Con-

gress condemned the attack

and described it as an attempt

by unidentified forces to fo-

ment violence in the Border

region encompassing the vola-

Johan van der Merwe, the

police commissioner, offered a reward of R50,000 rand

tile Ciskei homeland.

The scene was one of devastation ... absolute car-nage," Ray Radue, the Nat-

police said.

golf club, said.

BLACK gunmen hurling gre-nades burst into a South African wine-tasting party and sprayed bullets at the 60 guests, killing four whites and wounding 17, police said

The unprecedented, military-style attack by blacks on whites at a golf dub in the King William's Town brought to 25 the number of people killed in political and criminal attacks at the weekend.

South Africa is shocked and horrified," Dave Steward. a government spokesman, said. "These incidents represent a harsh and discordant note after the hope that has recently arisen in the wake of progress with negotiations."

In Durban's Umlazi township attackers shot dead three people including a grand-mother in their beds on Saturday night, then dragged the corpses out of the house and chopped them up with bush

Aid workers fear kidnap in Somalia

IN MOGADISHU AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AlD organisations in Somalia have prepared evacuation plans, fearing reports that American military intervention will make foreign staff targets of Somali gunmen.

We are now looking at a hostage-taking scenario," a senior United Nations official said. Virtually all relief organisations have said they would pull out of Somalia while any troop deployment took place to avoid the risk of being attacked by gunmen angered at losing their racketeering grip on the "aid business".

The story of a Swiss nurse whose two-year-old adopted son was kidnapped by clan gunmen could serve as a cautionary tale for US officials offering to send in American troops. As the nurse and her Somali husband waited for a Red Cross plane to arrive at the city's airport, one of the many gunmen who helped UN troops to guard the runway and shabby terminal started to shout at them.

He accused Magda Nur stealing her son and daughter from this Muslim country and planning to sell them overseas or make them Christians. The woman tried to explain that she and her husband had adopted the children after their Somali parents abandoned them. But one of the clan guards picked up the child and ran off with him. UN soldiers near by did not intervene. The boy was returned unhurt five days later after negotiations.

The UN's lack of action may reflect the months of negotiations required to win the right to help that clan to guard the airport; or it could be because their mandate allows them to fire only in self-defence.
But the incident at the

airport illustrates the difficulties and dilemmas that American troops will face if they are deployed as part of a multinational force. Whether they will simply capture the airport from the clan, open fire when-ever they feel they need to, and take over the port to unload aid are questions still to be resolved_(Reuter, AP)

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training is necessary to increase the strength of Umkhonto before it is merged with the South African De-

(\$17,000) for information leading to the arrest of the five attackers, all of whom escaped in a vehicle. Police said the five Ronnie Kasrils, a member hurled grenades into the club's bar and dining areas and started firing rounds with automatic rifles into guests. killing two white couples and wounding 17 people, mostly "The grenades exploded. It

all happeneed in seconds," Mr Radue said. "It appears that simultaneously, a petrol bomb attack was launched from outside, the target apparently being a row of gas cylinders which serve the club's ablution block. Further shots were also fired at the building through patrols in the area were stepped up immediately after Smuts Ngonyama, a local

ANC leader, condemned the attack because the ANC wanted to solve political differences through negotiation, not violence. "It is an initiative by certain groups to undermine the relative stability we are trying to cultivate in our area." he said.

The region has been tense since Ciskei troops shot dead 29 people during an ANC march to the capital Bisho on September 7 in one of the worst mass killings of the three-year apartheid reform

Mr Ngonyama and Ciskei officials started talks in recent weeks to try to reduce violence that flared after the massacre including killings of Ciskei soldiers in their homes and

When Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, visits Vietnam today he will

be joining a rush to do

business that takes in friends

a senior figure from Viet-

nam's ancient enemy shows

how far economics has

eclipsed politics as the driv-

ing force of governments in east Asia. It is also an

region. China's neighbours

are concerned about its mili-tary build-up with modern

Russian weaponry. But Pe-

king is also concerned to keep

a close watch on any develop-

ing friendship between Viet-nam and America which

might give rise to some

independence of thought and action in the country Chinese instinctively think of as a southern province.

However, the emerging re-

lationship between Peking and Hanoi will be based on

their new multi-polar rela-

tionships derived from eco-

nomic interests, rather than

on the ideology that held

and former enemies alike.

killings and assaults on pro-ANC activists in the area. (Reuter)

Army training: More than 1,000 young recruits have been sent by the ANC to Uganda for military training at a time when the United Nations has spent more than £20 million bringing exiles, many of them soldiers of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the ANC's armed wing, back to the country (Ray Kennedy

Reports here yesterday said the ANC believes that the fence Force in a post-apartheid integrated army.

of the ANC national executive and former intelligence chief of Umkhonto, said it was necessary to prepare young career for a future integrated army which would come into being when an interim government was elected.

Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, said that the training camps abroad had never been a secret and that the Goldstone commission was welcome to inspect them. Two weeks ago the commission investigating violence Goldstone asked for wider powers to investigate military and quasi-military establishments inside and outside

South Africa. Mr Mandela told a large rally in Mamelodi township outside Pretoria: "We are trav-elling the last mile on the road to freedom." He said an ANC policy document drawn up last week by the national executive would be distributed soon. Roelf Meyer, minister of

constitutional development, said at the weekend that the issue of continued recruitment for Umkhonto by the ANC would have to be resolved before there was a political ettlement.

"This can't continue once you have a transitional gov-ernment," he said. "One party can't go on with its own separate, so-called army. That is totally unacceptable."



Presenting arms: Venezuelan soldiers patrol a street in Caracas in a Jeep equipped with an anti-aircraft gun. Security in the capital is tight and a curfew has been imposed as troops enforce order after Friday's failed coup, the second this year against President Pérez

Arrests follow failed coup in Venezuela

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN CARACAS

VENEZUELA struggled to restore a semblance of order yesterday after Friday's failed military coup in which an estimated 160 people died and hundreds more were injured, mostly civilians.

General Ivan Jiménez Sanchez, the defence minister, said at least 500 military officers and more than 700 soldiers believed to be members of the anti-government Bolivariano Movement were under arrest after the country's second military rebellion this year. The government said the prisoners would be brought before a military court on charges of rebellion and

Venezuela has begun extra-dition proceedings in Peru to request the return of 92 rebels, including 73 officers, who escaped in the dying hours of the coup on board a Hercules aircraft. The rebels, led by General Efrain Visconti, have requested political asylum.

President Fujimori of Peru has not yet made a decision, but diplomats pointed out that the two countries severed relations after Señor Fujimori, backed by the Peruvian mili-

tary, led his own "constitutional coup" in April. That move was strongly condemned by President Pérez of Venezuela. Schools have been closed until next week and 17 stu-

dents were arrested when troops searched the capital's Central University after reports that left-wing elements there were involved in the local elections planned for next Sunday would go ahead.

General Fernando Ochoa Antich, the foreign minister and former defence minister who played a key role in putting down the last coup in February, accused two left-wing groups, Red Flag and Third Way, of planning the coup with rebel military officers. He said the government had proof of an alliance between the rebel military and 'extreme radical groups with Marxist ideas".

Military reports said leftwing students were involved in a failed effort on Friday to free Lieutenant Colonel Hugo Chavez, February's coup lead-er, from the Yare prison outside Caracas. A video tape of Col Chavez, smuggled out of jail, was broadcast on local television stations seized by the rebels early in the coup. The government confirmed that Col Chávez, who has become something of a folk hero since February, remains behind bars. But his populist image appears to have been seriously undermined by the second

Although public opinion polls have indicated that 90 per cent of the population great majority of people favour change by democratic means. This is not the way to change what we have, however bad it is," said Jorge Carmona, a newspaper seller. "If the people had taken to the streets the government would have fallen. The soldiers cannot massacre the people," he

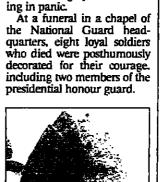
million residents stayed at home at the weekend as loyal soldiers and police mopped up the last pockets of rebel resistance and began to clear debris and broken glass — as well as several unexploded bombs — from streets around the Miraflores presidential palace which came under attack during the coup.

A rebel missile left a gaping hole 20ft wide in the palace outer wall as nervous plainclothes policemen blocked all

streets around the building in the city centre. Journalists who tried to reach the palace were turned away at gunpoint. As a police officer with a pistol stuffed into his waisthand searched a car carrying report-ers, a hand grenade fell from his belt and bounced in the road, sending bystanders flee-

the National Guard headquarters, eight loyal soldiers who died were posthumously decorated for their courage. including two members of the

Most of the capital's four



Visconti: seeks political

Vital Korea jet tape is missing

NEWS IN BRIEF

Seoul: A vital tape, which could explain how a Korean Soviet jet in 1983, is missing from the black box handed over by President Yeltsin

(Michael Breen writes). The plane was on a scheduled flight from New York to Seoul when it was shot down near Sakhalin. All 269 on

board are presumed dead. Scientists in Seoul found a cockpit voice recorder, flightdata recorder and four separate tapes. But no tape was found from the flight-data recorder.

Mosque ringed

Ayodhya. India: Thousands of troops laid virtual siege to this ancient holy town as Hindus resumed a crusade for a temple on the site of a mosque. Two years ago Hindus tried to storm the mosque they daim was built by invading Moghuls on a temple site. (AFP)

Star sues

Los Angeles: Michael Jackson has filed a £30 million lawsuit against the sportswear manufacturer L.A. Gear. alleging fraud and breach of contract. The firm has similarly sued the pop star over a line of trainers. (AFF)

Rich man loses

Tokyo: Kenichi Nakajima, 71, president of Heiwa Corp and listed three years ago as Japan's richest man, has been fined E140 million for allegedly failing to report £300 million income. (AP)

Scientist held

Toronto: Quighuai Zhu, 33, a Chinese nuclear scientist working at a Toronto hospital. has been arrested on charges of deliberately contaminating a colleague's food with radioactive material. (Reuter) Tomb reopened

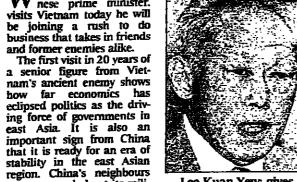
ankhamun has been reopened for two months to mark the 70th anniversary of its discovery by the British archaeolo-gist, Howard Carter. (AFP)

Luxor: The tomb of King Tut-

Park and ride Hong Kong: Teenagers ended an evening's drinking here by breaking into a marine park to ride on the backs of the dolphins. (Reuter)

Economics govern Peking-Hanoi ties

By David Watts, diplomatic correspondent



Lee Kuan Yew: gives advice on economy

them together through the Vietnam war.

Vietnam's outlook has changed so much that a leading anti-communist, Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore, has been visiting and is now on tap as an occasional adviser. Last spring the businessman Sir James Goldsmith met the prime minister, Vo Van Kiet, and came away impressed. With a French warship this

week briefly visiting the port

of Haiphong for the first time

since it was a French naval

headquarters during Hanoi's anti-colonial war, and Japan resuming aid and loans after 14 years, Hanoi looks ready to claim its place as the capital of a new east Asian economic power. The key to the new era is

the unilateral unblocking of Japanese aid and a Japanese-French agreement to write off Vietnam's \$140 million (£93 million) debt to the International Monetary Fund which could clear the way for new loans from the World Bank. An IMF mission is due in Hanoi next month, and Japan is making available \$370 million in concessionary credits.

A new tranche of the brokerage firm Smith, New Court's successful Vietnam Fund will soon be launched, and other funds will soon channel money into such projects as building offices and

apartments for foreigners. The attraction for entrepreneurs is a relatively welleducated and work-hungry populace with minimum monthly labour costs of £23. Japanese car-makers have longed to run their high-tech plants on such fantastically low costs, but they have been restrained by the Americans and their Vietnam war sensitivities. Washington gave a discreet go-ahead to Japanese aid, but their own position

The near-impossible task of accounting for all Americans lost or held captive during the Vietnam war has been the key to Washington's opening diplomatic links with Hanoi. President Bush may make the gesture of normalisation but if he does not, it may be some time before Bill Clinton is able to do so. With allegations of draft avoidance still on the record, his position is delicate and the political benefits of moving on recognition are

John Kerrey, a Democratic senator, produced a fa-vourable assessment of Vietnamese attempts to tidy up the issue, but Mr Clinton left himself an escape clause during the election campaign when he said he wanted a "full accounting" from the Vietnamese of those missing in action before he would act.

Alistair Cooke signs off in America at 84

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN WASHINGTON

ALISTAIR Cooke, the broadcaster, yesterday announced his retirement from the American television programme he has hosted for more than two decades — a role that made him in the eves of most Americans the quintessential Englishman and a bastion of British culture in this country. In Britain, the journalist

and writer is best known for his weekly BBC radio series Letter From America, a programme he started in 1946 and that has run longer than any other. In America, Mr Cooke, 84 ten days ago, is indelibly associated with the public-service television series Masterpiece Theatre, which shows such (usually British) programmes as The Jewel in the Crown and Upstairs Downstairs. attracting huge

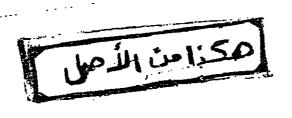
audiences. Mr Cooke's performance as host of Masterpiece Theatre was immutable and distinctive: seated in an armchair. often with a book open on his lap, he would offer in measured and urbane tones an introduction to the pro-

gramme and a brief synopsis. At the end, he would offer his conclusion, which was not always flattering. The series Poldark, for example, he dismissed as "nothing but con-torted plot". His retirement announce-

ment last night, after the final episode of The Secret Agent. seen recently in Britain, was vintage Cooke. "I don't have many more miles to go," he said, "but I do have promises to keep before I sleep and one or two ambitions, among them an insane desire to shave a stroke or two off my golf handicap."

Perhaps the only people more firmly associated with Britain in the American popular consciousness are the Queen and the late Benny

Mr Cooke's retirment has been greeted with a flurry of accolades. The New York Times proclaimed the "gracious exit" of "an icon in an armchair" who "has been unique in his continuing association with ... upscale



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The law's pregnant pause

How clear are the principles of job protection for the pregnant? Victoria McKee

reports

iscrimination during pregnancy or while on maternity leave is one of the areas of enquiry for the Equal (EoC), according to Vereena Jones, the commission's solicitor. "So many women are either dismissed or lose benefits, are passed over for promo-

period," Ms Jones says. Last week, five law lords referred to the European Court of Justice a case which has confounded British courts. Carole Webb, of West Dray-

tion or subjected to less

favourable terms during this

ton, west London, was taken on by EMO Air Cargo (UK) Ltd in June 1987 as an import operations clerk to provide cover because another clerk. Valerie Stewart, would be leaving to have a baby. Two weeks into a six-month training period under Mrs Stewart. Ms Webb discovered she was pregnant. Although she claimed that her dismissal in the circumstances constituted sex discrimination, two hearines came to the same conclusion: that she was dismissed because of her anticipated inability to cover Mrs Stew-

The law lords deferred their final judgment so that the European court could set down its views on a case that challenges the existing principles of employment protection and sex discrimination during pregnancy. The fact that they did so appears to highlight a confusion over employment law on pregnancy, a condition for which it is difficult to plead "unequal" treatment since there are no comparable

circumstances for men. "Our law is reasonably clear," says a senior official at the employment department. "The problem arises for the House of Lords because European law isn't yet, and if our law lords reached a judgment that was inconsistent with much use."



Danger, pregnant women at work: the defiant face of the expectant worker in the BBC's drama series Making Out

Two recent decisions by the European court were in some senses contradictory. In the Dutch Dekker case, the courts ruled, under the EC's equal treatment directive, that a woman who was not appointed to a post because she was pregnant, despite being the most suitable candidate, had been unfairly discriminated

The court established that since pregnancy applies exclusively to women, this was discriminatory," Ms Jones says, "and there was no need to take into account whether the company would have reacted similarly to a hypothetirequired sick leave - which the director of the Maternity after her boss called her a

has been the position in the English courts." The Danish Hertz case was

regarded by the EoC as a setback. It involved a woman who was dismissed six months after her maternity leave had ended for suffering from a pregnancy-related illness. The courts upheld the dismissal, "saying that the protection against pregnancy discrimination ends after the period of maternity leave". Ms Jones

The Webb case, as the EoC sees it, can either confirm the simple and positive ruling laid down in the Dekker case or create new grey areas of uncerAlliance, which campaigns to improve rights for working mothers, says: "The Webb case is not likely to be repeated very often, and therefore we feel that to alter the law to accommodate something like this is wrong.

Cases reported over the past

few years include that of Sarah Bone, an insurance broker, who lost her company directorship after hospitalisation to reduce her blood pressure during pregnancy; Simone Wood, demoted from manageress to sales assistant in a shoe department after returning from maternity leave; and Gaynor O'Neill, who lost her cal male who might have tainty. Christine Gowdridge, job with a building society

"mess" while she was pregnant because she could no longer tuck her uniform blouse into her skirt.

Joanna Foster, the EoC's chair, who will be speaking tonight at the Royal Society of Arts on Quality, Equality and Europe, suggests that "there's been a steep increase in such cases because employers know the law is very complicated at the moment, and because with hard times they think it is 'justifiable' to get away with sacking someone because they're pregnant".

Awards such as the one to be

presented tomorrow by She magazine in conjunction with Reed personnel services and the Working Mothers' Association, to the Employer of the Year, attempt to counteract this negative mood. Nine organisations have been shortlisted, including the British Council, for its generous maternity pay and leave provi-sion. HM Customs and Excise, for its flexible working practices, and Barclays Bank, for its six-month "family re-

sponsibility break". But "family friendly" policies are at odds, Ms Foster acknowledges, with harsh eco-nomic realities which have caused many plans - and people - to be shelved.

A European "pregnancy di-rective" in committee stage in the House of Commons, will entitle all women, regardless of length of service, to 14 weeks' maternity leave on at least statutory sick pay and protect them from dismissal because they are pregnant.

The EoC has supported "numerous" strategic cases concerning discrimination during pregnancy. "One," Ms Jones says. "where a woman was taken sick before her maternity leave and lost her job. Another where a woman wasn't even interviewed for a job because they discovered she was pregnant and one where a woman miscarried and was dismissed because her employers thought she'd keep trying again."
The EoC is confident that it

had established, through its successful challenges, the principle that it is unlawful to dismiss a woman because she is pregnant. The Webb case, however, has muddled the waters. "Obviously the sympathy will lie with the employer in this case." Ms Jones acknowledges, "so it is not at all

The spider's stratagem

Superwoman! What can have possessed the National Council of Women (NCW) to put that moth-caten, discredited, tatty old bird in the title of their report on women and work? its full name was Superwoman Keeps Going - Understanding the female web". The web image was better, suggesting fewer

heroics and more complexity: perhaps we should switch to Spiderwoman as a rolemodel. This would have the added advantage of acknowledging the muted hor-ror with which many men (and Barbara Cartland) still view career-minded women. Female spiders, remember, not only weave webs: they eat males alive. For all we know, they probably accuse them of sexual harassment, refuse to make coffee, and wear really annoying dicking stiletto heels round the office. Yes, Spiderwoman it is.

The NCW report got varied coverage. London's Evening Standard decided on the headline "Superwoman finds staying home is best". The Independent and The Guardian came up with the opposite reading - the for-mer saying Women put priority on working life". The Daily Telegraph settled for The Superwoman Trap" and noted that children have slipped to third place as a priority", while the Daily Mirror was even more shocked ("Mum's not the word by the suggestion that 87 per cent of females aged 16-44 say a woman does not need a child in order to feel fulfilled, and voted a husband and kids a poor third" to hobbies and work The words "selfish cows!" were not actually printed, but they sort of hovered, unspoken.

read the full report. being curious about this "third place" apparently held by Spiderwoman's family. It turned out that the question was actually about what you "would like to spend more time on". It was, in other words, a measure of wishful thinking. Naturally, the majority spoke of hobbies and education. Only 15 per cent wanted extra time with their families — considering that they had already explained that their family took up most of their energy, this seems not unreasonable. What do they want, blood? -As for the much-flagged 'Children are not fulfilling'

line, it is true that 87 per cent of the under-44s refused to agree that "a woman needs a child to be fulfilled". But so what? Surely it is a cause for robust rejoicing that only 13 per cent of us are so tediously mumsy as to consider a childless woman disabled? But the most interesting.



LIBBY PURVE

and least headlined, ass of the report was on wome confidence at work. Wh pain showed through yearning to have skills reo nised and used. A lot of the bustling, juggling wom are, it seems to me, quite si Or they risk becoming so, t moment their families ex

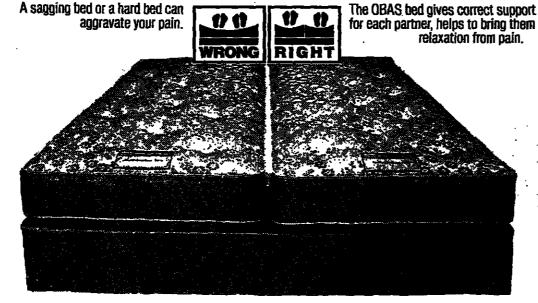
Look at the figures: thre quarters feel they are or half-educated. The sar proportion want to get o further in their work. fewer than half have dared plan how. A third spe longingly of unused skill communicating" fi.e. bein PAs) and want to be "pract cal, analytical and problen

Tet they hang back fearful. Only hal I think senior managers have any interest in their career, and most see their promotion prosperts as had. The NCW observes that family women "have no time to get off the treadmill and plan for themselves.

Oh yes, there is sadness here. Not a feminist grudge, but the sadness of unfulfilled dreams. I keep thinking of a classic BBC interview with a lady called Bella Keyser who glimpsed her personal paradise when she worked in the wartime shipyards. Then the men came back, and she spent 30 years trying to work again as a welder. All she inted, she said, was to see "that beautiful thing, a ship' forming out of chaos, and her own hands helping it grow. Every word she spoke conjured up a pain that both sexes know equally: the pain of a missed vocation.

If managers recognised the note of hungry ambition as readily in the 35-year-old mother returning to work as in the bright young lad alongside her, who knows what joyful energies they might tap? If not, then grieve for Belia; grieve for poor tangled Spiderwoman, stuck in her own endless, circular web of clever arrangements. jugging handfuls of nothing

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In a town called Alex

A woman priest is helping to bring peace to a South African township

Dr Carmichaei

n Alexandra, the battered black township abutting Johannesburg's leafy northern suburbs, an English widow is asking questions about shootings, accompanying the police on cordon-andsearch operations in the hunt for illicit weapons, and peacemaking. The Rev Dr Elizabeth Car-

cal doctor from St Thomas's, a doctor of philosophy from Oxford, and since November 14 a priest in the Anglican church, is a familiar face among the ruins of what the local

press Beirur". Dr Carmichael. seventh woman in the

Southern African province to be ordained, personifies in Alexandra the working of the National Peace Accord. It was signed 14 months ago by the leaders of the ruling National Party, the African National Congress and Inkatha. The aim was to find a way to end the fighting in the townships and in rural Natal. The accord is in deep trouble, but it has worked in Alexandra.

Dr Carmichael was born in Canterbury 46 years ago and always knew she wanted to be a missionary. And she wanted to be a priest. Her ambitions astonished her family. Her younger brother sent her a fax after the English synod, fol-lowing the South African synod, voted for the ordination of

women priests. "You can come back now," he said, "provided you are not a bishop." After qualifying as a doctor in her twenties, she went to Soweto where for seven years she worked as an anaesthetist in Baragwanath hospital. In 1975 she married but her husband died in 1988. She later went to Oxford obtaining a degree in theol-

ogy and later her doctorate. . Last year she came back to South Africa and gradually became involved with Alexandra. In March, before a dispute resolution

committee could be property established, war broke out in the township. Zulus, who were housed in and around the barrack-like hostels on the

western fringe of the township, provided the source of the conflict. An Interim Crisis Committee was formed with Dr Car-

michael as its convener. We've patiently worked to bring together sections of the community that mistrusted each other," she says, "and now, instead of seeing it all as a vast plot, people can see that it is the work of a few individuals."

Last week Leon Wessels, the South African housing minister, granted R3.5 million (£800,000) to rebuild the housing in "Beirut"

MICHAEL HAMLYN



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Leather forecasting





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The outlook for leather is very bright: sizzling skins are the warm front for winter

here has been much talk recently of the return of the leather look, style pundits eulogising over Brando's bike jacket, and straining to mention (Jim) Morrison's rock 'n' roll strides. Leather has become a hot favourite, and everyone wants to say something about it. Unfortu-nately, very few have something new to say. Leather has never been away, merely out of the fashion spotlight. Like the white vest, or white shirt

before it, leather is a constant in the wardrobe until the light shines upon it, and POW! it becomes a trend-setting icon for the beau monde. All the rage. Regardless of fashion, almost because of its antifashion status, the young (and very often the old who should know better) have donned leather for the "in-your-face" message it exudes.

From punk princesses (all studs and chains) to ladies who lunch in Versace and Montana (all studs and chains, but somehow more chic), leather has been worn by generation after generation because it looks tough and looks good. What looks good in leather right

now is anything as long as it's not black screechingly bright colours which previously would have been associated with aging Italian swingers. What changed all that was one full-length, pillar box red leather coat which sashayed on to leather coatwalk during the Changle the catwalk during the Chanel spring show, worn by Tatjana Patitz, who has a habit of making anything she wears look wonderful The coat, and the concept, looked just right and as the lights went out at the end of the show so did the audience to search for their own leather coat of many colours.

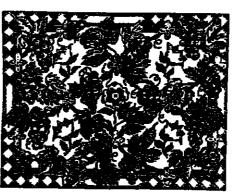
change of colour allows us to think about leather in a new way. Gone is the hard-edged black which aims for outrage, and in its place are sizzling soft skins — even a motorbike jacket looks uncorrupted in virginal white. Leather's fresh luxurious image makes it a perfect choice for evening, covering spangled gowns, or, more avant-garde, flared trousers, shot with lurex.

Now that the traditional fur coat has had its day, or night, and fake fur prints have already begun to keep warm - and stay cool - when wearing a slip of a dress than cloaking oneself in coloured leather? The only rock n roll reminiscence here is of the King of R'n'R. Elvis Presley. Keep those oversized collars pulled way up.



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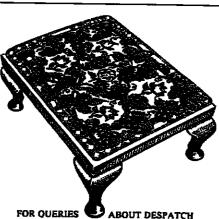
n Mompesson House in Salisbury there is an outstanding 18th century needlework covered chair. Its pattern of grapes on a trellis has been adapted for us by The Royal School of Needlework to create this beautiful tapestry kit. It looks equally good as a cushion cover or stool top. We have retained the faded colours of the period as far as possible: powder and rose pinks grey blue, pewter, maroon and honeysuckle yellow and a wide range of variegated greens are set on a pale oatmeal background. It is a classic design that would fit in well anywhere.

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Breathing a whiff of defiance

THE latest French Elle magazine blows smoke in the face of the country's lawmakers who aim to save the French from their favourite national pastime — Le Tabac. Despite the introduction of legislation on November 1 to restrict smoking in public places, there on the front cover of one of France's most popular fashion journals is a typically elegant model puffing away, a trail of smoke cozing from her perfectly painted lips. A throwaway gesture, or a defiant pose to fan the flames? Sacre (Gauloise) bleu!

WHAT will Joe McKenna do next? He's been the fashion editor of Rolling Stone, he contributes to fashion journals the world over, he is one of photographer Bruce Weber's most favoured stylists and years back he appeared as Ken Barlow's son, Peter, in Coronation Street. Now he has designed and edited his own magazine cum book which is inevitably called Joe's Magazine. It features articles on the Paris designer Azzedine Alaia, Vanessa Paradis and Dirk Bogarde, with photographic essays by Steven Meisel, Bruce Weber and George Plant Lynes. The credits read like a Who's Who of hipdom, and it will naturally become a collector's item within hours. Joe's Magazine, £35, available from Paul Smith, 41-44 Floral Street, London WC2.

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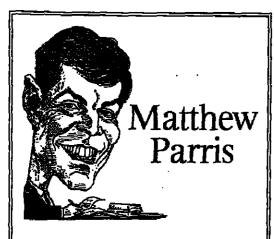
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It is the little truths that count about our political masters, not the big lies

ast Thursday, when Mr Lamont's problems with Access became national news, found me in the Times room at the Commons. We had a copy of that morning's Sun. Along with colleagues, and the rest of Britain, I giggled.

And we guessed among ourselves how our

own paper would treat the news. We were unanimous. The Times would regard such a story as on the periphery of its vision: not quite beneath its notice, but far from centrally placed in any arrangement a serious newspaper would make of the news. Happily the tabloid press was there to feature the story, so our own excuse would be that, however regrettably, this issue was "in the public domain". A quality paper like ours would therefore notice the story, and mention it with, as it were, a half shrug of apology to our readers for the unavoidable vulgarity.
Our readers, for their part, would allow their eye to be caught by the modest paragraphs, sigh inwardly that they should be subjected to such rubbish, and devour it hungrily.

Such is the unspoken contract between a respectable English newspaper and you and me, its respectable English readers. We do not wish it to be supposed that we care for gossip, tittletattle and prying references to the private peccadilloes of public figures: but (how shall we put this?) we would not wish to remain altogether uninformed.

If research could decide such matters, I would place two apparently contradictory bets: first that the unassuming little article ("Lamont credit leak angers No 10") which Friday's Times placed at the bottom of the front page was the item in that day's edition that most readers read and with most interest. second, that more prominent coverage of the story would have displeased them. We desire to know these things, but we also distrust that desire.

We should not. It is time for the upper middle-classes to follow the working-class lead. and embrace their prurience without apology.

y that I do not mean that we should all go around being shocked at the behaviour of the great and the good and calling on each other to resign. I don't think (any more than the readers of The Sun really do) that carelessness over an Access bill disqualifies Mr Lamont from office. That his credit card and his chancellorship both involve money is a false linkage, the qualities required to be Chancellor being different from those required to use an Access card. Access may not care for the swashbuckling approach, but it might be just what recession-bound Britain needs: and a transport minister's haemorrhoids are of no less interest than his speeding conviction simply ause dudiic curiosity harder to rationalise.

There is nothing wrong with curiosity about politicians' personal secrets: it is our attempt to rationalise it which causes the trouble. Because we are ashamed, we construct po-faced justifications for discussing such matters. We seize upon facile arguments — such as saying that private wealth invalidates a minister's claim to care about quality, or that marital problems might hamper him from piloting a divorce bill through committee.

Of course, all we are really interested in is the gossip about one fellow's yacht or another's mistress; but we invent pious arguments for our prurience. We end up sacking ministers for the wrong reasons. Paradoxically, it is the finger-wagging by respectable newspapers at the popular ones which encourages this because the cry becomes "justify your gossip or desist" and, as journalists will never desist, harmful rationalisation begins. Peeping Toms never did anyone any harm: it is Peeping Presbyterians who are the threat.

We should be more honest about ourselves and more intuitive about others. The truth about ourselves is that we enjoy gossip for its own sake. The truth about others is that we learn much from observing details of personal life, but what we learn is too subtle to translate into facile headlines about "resignation issues". Without ever having learnt anything which of itself convinced me that any minister should resign, my experience of affairs of state and the affairs of statesmen is that little things are the most revealing of all.

or will an ambitious politician not have adjusted the big, obvious elements of his life to suit the hour? If so, is it not the small, unconscious elements which will reveal most? What a Chancellor announces about his fiscal rectitude is what he and his colleagues have decided we should hear. But when he selected the shoes he wears, he may have acted instinctively. So what his shoes say about him is probably more important than what he says about the balance of payments. "It is only shallow people." said Wilde, "who do not judge by appearances."

When you read a letter from someone you have never met, are you not as struck by the ink he uses and the way he forms his o as by what he says? Or take moustaches. I have never met an Englishman who had a moustache who was not slightly vain. And if a cabinet minister was talking to me — as portentously as you please - about his plans for defence, or industry, I

should speak to his chauffeur or glance at his

fingernails before evaluating his argument. I am far from saying that habits of private rectitude, sarrorial elegance or personal hygiene translate simply into fitness for office. On the contrary, a man who has obviously spent half an hour on his socks, or had time to blow-dry his hair, has all but disqualified himself from high office. A passionate — even disgraceful lovelife can be a positive recommendation, and if you could have persuaded me that Sir Geoffrey Howe was a secret transvestite nothing would have dimmed my enthusiasm for his becoming Tory leader. I care not a hoot that Mr Lamont owes Access, but am relieved to know

bookmakers rather than bishops. You don't need bishops in a recession. Private lives do not add up, in any simple way, to public credit or disgrace. But they have an arithmetic of their own which readers of The Sun understand very well, and readers of The Times would be foolish to ignore.

that he is (as Anthony Howard says) one of life's

The Chancellor's difficulties are a distraction from the government's predicament, says Peter Riddell

ust when you thought it was safe to come out again... Every time John Major thinks the worst is over. a new horms annear. The letter new horror appears. The latest allegations about Norman Lamont's legal fees are a distraction from the Major government's real predicament, but

they damage its standing.

Whatever the specific rights and wrongs, the weekend's headlines epitomise widespread public doubts about the governpublic doubts about the government. It is not just that ministers are accident-prone but that they also appear helpless in the face of events — whether the attitudes of fellow European governments, the markets or the latest press disclosures. With few exceptions, the Major team does not inspire confidence. That is partly because the wave of denartures since the late departures since the late Thatcher years has removed most of the cabinet's

heavyweights.
In the immediate future, there is no reason why Mr Lamont should resign because of overnunning his credit card limit or because the Treasury paid part of his legal fees over a public dispute about his tenant. Innuendo about his private life is irrelevant. While grey areas exist about rules on payment of

Why Lamont need not go

the legal costs of ministers, there is no evidence that Mr Lamont behaved improperly as Chancellor. The real issue is breaches of confidentiality over private financial records. Apart from the usual whiff of British sanctimony, that should be the end of the matter. But it will not be.

Mr Lamont has seemed the weak link in a government trying to rebuild its defences. In some ways this is unfair on him. The critical decision to enter the exchange-rate mechanism was initiated by John Major, not by him. And the subsequent policies, including the withdrawal from the ERM nearly I I weeks ago, were all backed by the prime minister and endorsed by the cabinet Mr Lamont has also shown personal resilience, in his Commons performances and in the Autumn Statement, which have given the govern-ment a breathing space, whatever the longer-term problems over public spending and borrowing. Only just over two weeks ago he was being cheered

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

One senior minister suggested to me last week that the Autumn Statement marked a turning point. It was not just the specific measures, though these were skilfully put together. It was rather the fact that the cabinet could agree a package at all. Under the old procedures. the cabinet was presented with a fait accompli by the Chancellor. But, now, the whole cabinet has itself to consider a series of

detailed options for spending. The senior minister argued that agreement on such a package reflected the leadership and conciliatory talents of Mr Major, also shown in his handling of the Queen's finances. The prime minister also pushed the new growth strategy. The cabi-net's nerve has steaded after the almost daily crises of the early autumn, as typified by Mr Major's hasty and damaging

the timing of debates on the Maastricht Bill, which has weakened Britain's hand in the EC. But ministers have now recovered their self-confidence and their willingness to think about the long term. There have been a series of policy an-nouncements in the past few weeks, about the BBC, Sunday trading, the citizen's charter, the council tax and the like. The government has not frozen up.

In the Commons itself, the temperature has fallen. Political life cannot continue for ever at the feverish levels of September and October. Tory MPs looked over the brink into the abyss during the "paving" debate of November 4 over the Maastricht treaty, and they have now moved back, seeking a quieter life for a time. Moreover, Tory business managers have also learnt some lessons. They have sought to avoid confrontations. The Autumn Statement was

The Tory manifesto is being

implemented.

climax. Admittedly, passions have been aroused over arms sales to Iraq, but mainly on the Labour side. There is little sense among ministers and Tory MPs of another Westland affair in the making.
Even on the Maastricht trea-

ty, all participants seem to want to avoid an all-out battle during the start of the committee stage tomorrow and Wednesday. Instead there are mainly expected to be procedural skirmishes, like 20 years ago when there were two days of points of order on the original EC entry bill, followed by a motion of no confidence in the chair. confidence in the chair. The hope has been that

arguments, over Maastricht, the pit-closures review, the economy and hospital closures, can be deferred until the new year. Meanwhile, it should be business as usual, to foster the government's convalescence. But in the past few days two events have occurred to threaten designed to please as many as these plans. The first has been

the row over the future financing of the European Community. There are still 10 days before the Edinburgh summit for a last minime deal, but a breakdown there would leave the British presidency looking a failure and would also threaten hopes of agreement on the revised Danish terms, on subsidiarity and on enlargement. The government's EC policy would be in tatters. raising doubts about ratification of the Maastricht treaty.

Second, speculation has already revived over Mr Lamont's future. The Chancellor has believed he has the personal confidence of the prime minister. Until the past few days a reshuffle just after Christmas looked unlikely. Not only would Mr Lamont appear a scapegoat, but possible replacements, such as the widely touted Kenneth Clarke, would split the pany even more than now. But the balance may be shifting. Mr Major may have to shuffle his top team if he is rebuild confidence in his administration. Yes such ministerial changes are secondary to whether the government can show that it has regained some control over its fate and is not at the mercy of party critics and of events.

Small steps on freedom's trail

There is a way of measuring human liberty, and among the latest figures is some cause for optimism, finds Bernard Levin

t has been said that all the great fortunes are made by people who have hit upon something that the world did not know it needed. until the discoverer put it under the world's nose — whereupon the world said: "How did we

manage without it?"

Such a discovery has been made by a man called Charles Humana, without his making any kind of fortune, but his discovery demonstrates very clearly that the world did indeed need his invention.

At the end of the Seventies, Mr Humana, a journalist and author, was working as a volunteer for Amnesty International when he had his idea; it was to be a complete taxonomy of human rights, a book which its standing vis-à-vis the human rights of its people. And it was to be called the World Human Rights Guide.
The first hurdle he had to leap

was the realisation that it was impossible; how do you compare, except in the vaguest and most haphazard terms, the human rights enjoyed by, say, the citizens of New Zealand and those of Saudi Arabia, those of Papua New Guinea and Portugal, Bolivia and Singapore, Cuba and Denmark?

His answer was rather like the secret of the billionaires; just as they sold the world what it wanted, so Mr Humana's impossible problem solved itself in a moment of inspiration. He would, he decided, draw up a list of 40 items, each of them testing the quality of human rights in one aspect. To give you an idea, I shall run through some of the test questions. Can the citizens travel freely

in their own country? In another country? Can they publish and educate in their own language? Is there imprisonment without trial? Is there political and legal equality for women? Are there independent newspapers? Are courts totally independent? Are the citizens, when prosecuted, considered

innocent until proved guilty? Is there equality of the sexes in divorce proceedings? Is there freedom to practice homosexuality between consenting adults? Are there multi-party elections by secret and universal ballot?

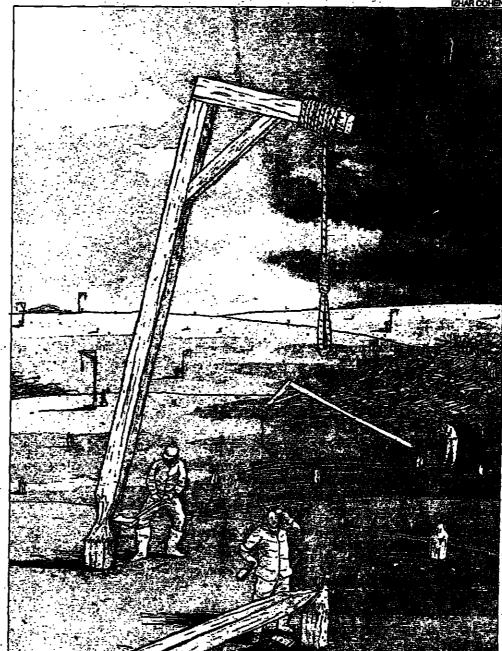
And so on. Because sometimes a plain yes or no does not exactly fit the conditions enquired into, there are six gradations of possible answers. There is then a complex mathematical procedure for "translating" the answers into a percentage, and lo! every country examined has a single figure, out of 100, and that figure is the "human rights rating" of that country.

Take my word for it (better still buy the book); it works. The insoluble problem - how to make such tables meaningful. trustworthy and usable as a It really does mean something when you read that Ghana has human rights rating of 53, that Angola has a rating of 27, and Belgium has a rating of 96.

r Humana published his first edition in 1983, and immediately realised that such a work would have to be regularly brought up to date if it was to continue to be an indispensable document. That was not easy; to get reliable statistics and evidence had often been difficult; he never forgot that giving information was, in many countries, dangerous, and at what cost the informa-

tion might have been given. After publishing his first edition with considerable difficulty, he realised that he had to have resources greater than his own; The Economist took over the second edition, and now the OUP has taken on the admirable burden for the third edition.

which has just been published. With all that background, we now turn to the most important question: is the world's human rights rating going up or going down? Oddly enough, the question is not easily answered. For one thing, there are more



countries surveyed in this edition than in the previous ones. And there is one element in the figures which distorts comparison almost to breaking point. But, yes, the world can be congratulated on achieving a significant rise in its rating.

In the 1986 edition, the average human rights rating over all countries surveyed was 55 per cent: in this edition (it closed for press in November 1991) the average was 62 per

cent. But between the two editions the longed-for Russian revolution had taken place. Just look at these figures: they are the human rights ratings before and after the collapse of the Soviet Empire.

The Soviet Union before, 20 per cent; after (at the dissolution), 54 per cent. Romania before, 20 per cent; after, 82 per cent.

Bulgaria before, 23 per cent; after, 83 per cent.

Czechoslovakia before, 36 per cent; after, 97 per cent. Hungary before, 55 per cent after, 97 per cent.

Poland before, 41 per cent;

after, 83 per cent

East Germany before, 33 per cent; after (unification), 98 per

That, you will agree, makes a difference to the human rights of a world or two. Unfortunately, no such massive revolution has taken place elsewhere.

thrown over a tyranny in the interim: Chile, for instance, which had a rating of 35 per cent in 1986, now has one of 80

The maps in the book tell a grim story. Take the map of Africa, and put it on the triplemeasure that the book uses: black indicates "most human rights denied", grey means "many human rights denied", and white means "most human rights respected". Four lonely little patches of white in that vast continent are left to hold up the very idea of freedom: Îvory Coast, Benin, Botswana and Namibia (though a rating fig-ure for the last has mysteriously disappeared from the book); the rest of the map is black or grey.

ithin that expanse. though, thère is a anhor; since I am talking about South Africa, but I can't help that. In the 1986 edition, South Africa scored 22 per cent, one of the worst ratings in the world: great hope, on seeing that its rating is now 50 per cent?

Of course, the whole idea of these ratings can be laughed at as a waste of so much dedication. No tyrant will turn, heart racing, to the appropriate page for his new rating, and at once institute a full democracy so that he can get out of the snamefully low figure his country has. Yet if that does not happen, something important still does. The book reminds us of the desperate imperfection of our world. but it also reminds us that perhaps, not very soon and not very quickly, the imperfections may become less imperfect. Why, Fidel Castro himself, the last remaining satrap of the Soviet Empire, may be slowly repenting: between editions he has gone from 24 per cent to 30

Let us take heart; though Iran scores 22, China 21, North Korea 20, Sudan 18 and Iraq and Burma 17, there are now 10 countries with a rating of 95 or more, and one of them scores 99. Guess which?

Charles Humana's contribution to human freedom is immense; we owe him a great deal. Alas, we cannot tell him so, for he died while this edition was going through the press.

Screen test for the BBC

MPs, not normally noted for their resistance to free publicity. are threatening to block a BBC documentary on the Palace of Westminster. Having watched Channel 4's Cutting Edge film on the House of Lords earlier this month, the MPs have got cold feet about allowing film crews into their lives.

Peers complained that the

Channel 4 documentary portrayed the Lords as a Gilbertian farce, concentrating on its quaint traditions and peers' enthusiasm for expenses, ignoring the serious legislative work. Michael Wheeler-Booth, derk of the parliaments, has taken the unusual step of writing a letter of protest to Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4. Its message was summed up by one senior peer, who did not wish to be named: "The documentary has made it highly unlikely that other filmmakers will be allowed access to the Lords. We were stitched up. I think it will have repercussions

in the Commons." The decision on the six-part BBC documentary will be taken by the administration commit-

tion with Betty Boothroyd, the earlier film, Lord Healey, who was filmed at some length rehearsing hat-doffing with Lord Howe, thinks the BBC will have problems. "I think it unlikely they will get permission unless they give some indication of what sort of a documentary they want to make. If the BBC wants to know why access might be restricted, it is because of Channel 4's grave disservice to the media. It was unbalanced, miscued and at times incredibly fatuous. Far too much time was spent showing wedding ceremonies and Geoffrey and me dressing up for the

ceremony."
Lord Tebbit, who as Tory chairman had several run-ins with the BBC, was also wary. "It appears Channel 4 was far more interested in less serious aspects of the House. I hope the BBC will give more responsible treatment. Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

● If Solman Rushdie receives a call from the BBC seeking permission to film him reading from his work he should not be too flattered. The BBC is at last putting together an obituary on the writer who has been under an Iranian death sentence since tee of the Commons in conjunc- 1989. "We like to be prepared Spain but does not recognise



for all eventualities," says a BBC mole. "So when we discovered that there was no obituary on Rushdie we decided to rectify the situation."

Lingua blanca

JOHN MAJOR'S Mr Europe. Tristan Garel-Jones, came badly unstuck when he tried to show off his linguistic prowess at the European parliament. During a debate on subsidiarity Garel-Jones, whose wife is Spanish, listened with care to the views of Heribert Barrela I Costa, a Spanish member of the Rainbow Group, then rattled off a reply in flawless Spanish. He could not understand the deathly silence which followed - his audience, indeed, seemed mortified. Alas, Barrela I Costa comes from the fiercely independent Catalan region, which not only wants to break from

Spanish as the native tongue. Which explains why Garel-Jones was addressed in English.

First Richard Caborn, chair-

man of the Commons employ-ment select committee, which is examining the government's pit-closure programme, disappears down a UDM mine in Nottinghamshire, ensuring the press is tipped off in advance. Surprise, surprise: Greville Janner, chairman of the trade and industry committee, which is also holding an enquiry, is also going down a pit. An NUM one. A case of anything you can do, i can do better.

Hard as snails

L'ESCARGOT, the famed Soho restaurant now in the hands of the administrators, is not going down without a fight. Elena Salvoni, the ebullient manager, has opened a Book of

They include Raymond Gubbay and Diana Rigg ("Save the snail"), Gerald Kaufman "Please let me go on coming here"), James Fox and George Baker ("Elena must be kept going"). It was left to Channel i, in the shape of Liz Forgan, to strike an intellectual note ("Aux coteaux citoyens!"). Salvoni says: "We are crossing our fingers that we can keep going."

got does not slip off the map.

Saving graces

GILLINGHAM, the third-division football club, has sought divine intervention to end one of its worst starts to a season, ascribed by some to a curse hanging over its Priestfield stadium.

The bad luck is supposed to date back 50 years to a motor accident involving the then manager of the club which caused the death of a gypsy girl. The club still takes it seriously and has appointed a Roman Catholic priest. Father Kevin McElhinney, as chaplain.

A supporter of the "Gills".

Father McElhinney is nevertheless keeping his feet on the ground. Although the club has won its last three home games since he was appointed, he says:



"It will be the biggest comeback since Lazarus if Gillingham do anything this season."

● Jacques Derrida, the French philosopher whose honorary degree caused high-table turmoil at Cambridge earlier this year. has had an additional honour heaped on his head: a student society has been named after him. Whether it should be taken seriously is a different matter. The Free Derrida Association was set up to "free [him] from these self-imposed existentialist shackles and take deconstructionism to its nadir. Hamish Renton, the FDA's cofounder, says: "We are inviting him into the mock-Grecian section of McDonald's to discuss

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A MINISTER'S MONEY

Openness is the best guard against laxity

Norman Lamont was revealed yesterday as the recipient of some £20,000 in other people's money to protect his property and his reputation. Justifications followed fast. About £4000, it transpired, came from the taxpayer because the then Permanent Secretary at the Treasury believed such a sum justified for rapidly rebutting news-paper allegations about the "vice-girl" in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's basement. About £16,000 came from Conservative party pockets (unspecified but kept full for just this sort of occasion) in order to help a senior member through the legal maze of expelling an unwanted tenant.

No laws were broken. Rules appear to have been upheld. According to the civil service codes, the £4000 could have been authorised on various grounds, including that Mr Lamont's performance as Chancellor was affected by the "vice-girl tenant" revelations, that the expenditure was in the public interest, that the legal action was likely to succeed, and that it might even be efficacious in preventing similar attacks on other ministers in future.

That is a broad rubric for allowing public hand-outs to ministers in distress. Those considering civil disputes with ministers of the crown should take note. It would have been better if these rules had been known outside the magic circles. It is good that they

are likely to better known and drafted now. As for the money from party sources, most people in politics know that this sort of help is available. Neither party is free of potential taint. The Chancellor has let it be known that he does not know where the money came from, except that it did not come from constituency contributions. Thus it is that those who give such help are supposed not to know who their beneficiaries are. Thus it is also that those who receive such help are not beholden. Although Britain has barely begun the downward journey into corruption that America has travelled in this regard, publicity is the great protection here.

useful reminder to all. Questions can still be asked about Mr Lamont himself. Did he ask for money from the Treasury and, if so, was he sensible to do so? Should he not have chosen a cheaper route to rebut allegations on a subject that was wholly personal? The attitude of "L'état, c'est moi" is an affliction that comes with long habit of high office, but Mr Lamont did not seem to see himself as potentially diseased. If he was offered the money unbidden by the Treasury, was the Treasury not identifying its interests too closely with the standing of its political master? Was it not Mr Lamont's respon-

sibility to ensure that this error not be made? The Chancellor's supporters are, not surprisingly, affronted by the whole affair. In particular, they cite the coincidence of the revelations with the continuing saga of Mr Lamont's credit card debts, and the row over exactly what and when he purchased at Paddington off-licences. It would, indeed, be outrageous if a pattern of conspiracy were proved in the Chancellor's troubles with the Thresher off-licence chain, the Access company and with his eviction bills. Anyone can be forgiven for asking himself why so much of one man's private laundry should be hung out to public view in the same week.

So far, however, there is no evidence of a co-ordinated plot. The sadder and surer truth is that there are so few reasons for a political conspiracy. Mr Lamont is a powerful man whose job is both resented and coveted by many. But what does he stand for that would merit his systematic diminution by rumour? He is a Euro-sceptic who has long mouthed Europhile policies. Could either side in the European debate be sure of benefiting from his downfall?

Perhaps it is considered as simple sport that a minister be made to squirm as Mr Lamont has been. If so, we should ask ourselves whether the hunter does .not always catch the weakened fox. If the Government were built on greater principle, its leaders would more easily avoid attack The weekend revelations should again be a and less readily fall down rabbit holes.

PREVENT THE EPIDEMIC

The world must step up the battle against the deadly disease

AIDS epidemic through Africa, Asia and other parts of the developing world has been devastating. By targeting fit young adults the backbone of the labour force — the disease is debilitating vulnerable economies

as well as inflicting a dreadful human toll. Half a million AIDS cases have so far been recorded worldwide, a total set to grow to between 12 and 18 million by the year 2.000, when from 40 to 100 million may be infected with the HIV virus. Developing countries, in which the bulk of these cases will occur, face a double burden — from the disease and from the threat to their

development prospects.

Here in Britain, the picture looks better, as we mark World Aids Day tomorrow. Europe is less severely affected than other parts of the world, and Britain has one of the lowest rates of AIDS cases, less than a third that in Spain, France or Switzerland and less than half that in Italy. We have one of the lowest rates of heterosexually acquired AIDS and of that among injecting drug users in the European Community. Among homosexuals, still the chief victims of the disease in Britain, HIV infections may be declining. In each of the last two years the recorded number of HIV positive tests among

homosexuals has fallen by about 10 per cent. There is a temptation to believe that, here in Britain at least, the worst is over and it is time to rein back on AIDS campaigns. An AIDS industry has grown up that in some areas is showing signs of becoming bloated.

As a "killer of the fittest" the progress of the AIDS campaigns have been hijacked by organisations on the madder fringes, with political agenda that have little to do with prevention of disease or relief of suffering.

However, we should beware of reducing our efforts to control the epidemic. Complacency in the face of a declining level of infection would spell disaster. AIDS can never be beaten, because there are always new generations becoming sexually mature. Sexually transmitted diseases are commonest in the under 25s, the most sexually active group with the highest number of partner changes. The preventive message on AIDS needs hammering home year in, year out, for each new cohort of young people.

At the same time, Britain cannot rely on its island status to insulate it from the progress of the epidemic elsewhere. Large numbers of British citizens have family connections in Africa and Asia where the disease is now raging. The greater movement of workers within the European community will increase the risks.

There remains great uncertainty about the future course of the epidemic - although we know that if no more people were infected from today another 400,000 cases of AIDS would develop in Europe alone. It depends on patterns of sexual mixing on which light will be thrown later this week by the publication of a survey of sexual behaviour. But continued vigilance and unrelenting effort will be needed if future generations are to give us credit for preventing the epidemic that never happened.

EVERYMAN AS SLOCUM

Gentlemen circumnavigators excite admiration, not envy

Last night the vanguard of 140 amateur yachtsmen and women began their passage around what can be voted, without hyperbole of superlatives, the most awful place on earth. At Cape Horn the winds blow at galeforce on most days, and are classified meteorologically as very stormy even when they do not. Waves, slopping unrestricted around the Earth's surface in a belt 2,000 miles wide, are squeezed through Drake's Passage between Terra del Fuego and the Antarctic Peninsula, and can swell as high as 120 feet. Previous sailors in these waters have given the experience a gloomy reputation. Darwin, from the Beagle, wrote: "The atmosphere in this climate, where gale succeeds gale, with rain, hail, and sleet. seems blacker than anywhere else."

Because of the vast monotony of the seven seas, long-distance sailing has been compared to eating an elephant with a knife and fork. Rounding Cape Horn in one of these yachts is like using a teaspoon to eat a bull elephant alive and in the state of musth. Even when they have fought their way round Cape Horn over the next day or two. the 140 competitors in the British Steel Challenge race around the world are in for no halcyon boating trip. They will face the full force of the low pressure systems sweeping around the Roaring Forties. Purious Fifties and Screaming Sixties. Icebergs will always loom over the tossing horizons; any skin left exposed will be burnt with frostbite. Apart from all that, there is the sea-sickness, and the possibility that the gulfs will wash them down with every wave. For

this privilege, the competitors are paying £15,000 each. They come in both sexes and in ages from 22 to 62. Most of them are playing truant from middling occupations and backgrounds; few if any of them are Hooray Henries or Henriettas; and threequarters of them had never sailed before training for this little jaunt.

When faced with such recklessness, the land-lubber might say that an amateur circumnavigator needs not just nerves of steel, but a head of bone. As one who never saw the point of the sea observed, twenty centuries ago: "It is lovely to stand on dry land when the sea is high, and the winds are stirring up the waves, not because of schadenfreude, but because it is lovely to realise what a rough time you are missing." From what the yachtsmen and women say, about looking forward to the champagne at Hobart, part of the attraction is that of hitting one's head against an iceberg, because it is such a relief when one stops.

But this is to misunderstand the romance of sailing across the wakes of Drake and Joshua Slocum, Sir Francis Chichester and Robin Knox-Johnston. This is the age when everyman, and every woman, can play heroes and heroines, if they choose, because of the miracles of modern technology. Circumnavigating the world makes a change from commuting on the Circle Line. even though it sometimes seems quicker. Today's terrifying accounts of the amateurs rounding Cape Horn excite admiration. Even if most readers thank their lucky stars, with Lucretius, that they are still on dry land.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Nuclear treaty obligations

From Lord Melchett, Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, As your editorial,"Arms to Iraq" (November 14), pointed out, the licensing of exports by Matrix Churchill, some of which may have a nuclear potential, could well be in contravention of article 1 of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). It is surprising this was not brought up in the House of Commons

debate (report, November 23).

A crucial decision on whether to extend or abolish the 25-year-old treaty will be taken in 1995. This latest revelation adds to the growing impression that Britain, although depository state, has scant regard for its treaty obligation "not in any way to assist" any country to acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive

Worldwide reprocessing contracts being sought by British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. for its thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp), in which plutonium will be returned to the country of origin, may also contravene article 1 of the NPT. John Guinness, BNFL's chairman, has said he will "encourage strenuous efforts already being made in BNFL to establish new markets overseas".

BNFL has already opened an office in Seoul to market nuclear services, including reprocessing, despite the fact that South Korea is on the DTI's list of sensitive destinations for nuclear exports because of proliferation concerns. The Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Michael Howard, told Greenpeace in September that it was inconceivable anyone should supply plutonium to North or South Korea.

However, we calculate that if Thorp is allowed to open, BNFL will export 40 tonnes of plutonium to Western Europe, Canada and Japan in the first decade of operation, enough for 4,000 nuclear warheads. The following ten years could see another 40 tonnes exported, with the list of importing countries perhaps growing to include Latin America, Eastern Europe, South Africa, South Korea and Taiwan.

The UK government's refusal to announce a moratorium on nuclear weapons testing and BNFL's worldwide drive to market its reprocessing facilities are adding to an image of the UK as determined and irresponsible nuclear proliferators.

Yours sincerely, PETER MELCHETT, Executive Director, Greenpeace UK, Canonbury Villas, N1. November 25.

Energy policy

From Professor Ian Fells, FEng

Sir, The fast reactor programme is to be abandoned, a decision seen as inevitable by Lord Marshall of Goring (article, November 23). I suppose that the thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp) at Sellafield will be the next energy plant to be abandoned if the thrust of your leader of November 23 gains acceptance; and then what? No doubt we will pull out of fusion power development because it is expensive and, like the fast reactor, we may not need it for some time and, after all, what did posterity ever do for

We are already closing down coal mines as fast as we can; the fact that coal will be vital in the early years of the next century seems to cut no ice with the government. But then, we have more or less ahandoned our lead in clean-coal technology to the Swedes, Finns, Germans and Americans, so that is another business opportunity lost.

The short-termism of this government takes one's breath away. In Thorp we have a world lead in the technology of effectively dealing with the spent, highly radioactive fuel from nuclear power stations and safely storing the radioactive waste, not leaving it slowly to rot in a store as a

legacy to our grandchildren.

The lost international businesss and the devastation of the industrial base of west Cumbria would be an inevitable consequence.

By abandoning the fast reactor, which we will certainly need in the first 20 or 30 years of the next century, particularly as energy demand escalates with huge population growth in the developing world, we throw away the prospect of a secure electricity supply for 500 years or more. It is a proven technology that requires some further development but we know it works.

As most of our energy decisions at the present time seem to devolve on accountancy let us at least get the costs right, whether they be of electricity generation from coal, gas or nuclear or of processing or storing spent nuclear fuel.

Few believe the figures bandied about in select committee by the various interested parties. Let us set up a small, objective energy-accounting unit at one of our sears of learning and turn to them when we want an unbiased, independent view of energy costs; then at least we will make our energy policy decisions, whether short or long term, from a sound base.

Yours faithfully. IAN FELLS, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Department of Chemical and Process Engineeering. Merz Court.

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School examination league tables: fair or fallacious?

From the Headmistress of the Godolphin School

Sir. Like Simon Jenkins ("Patten's appalling joke", November 21), I am increasingly alarmed by the way education is becoming a political gimmick, manipulated to suit current dogma, and dangerously moving towards centralisation in the name of accountability and parental choice.

I was one of the 25 per cent of the

heads of independent schools who took part voluntarily in the examination league tables published by the Department for Education on November 18. I did so in the belief that parents are entitled to information and we should be as open as possible as part of a constructive partnership. I expected the government to endeavour to make the exercise fair.

In the event, it proved to be a nonsense exercise, revealing large numbers of statistical errors and "great truths" that affluent areas in the country have "better" schools, at least as far as results go. Of course middleclass areas produce advantaged children, and these will ultimately be better

examination fodder. The damage to individual schools, to the teaching profession and above all to the children may be immense, as a large number of schools, even a majority, face glib judgments and consequent demoralisation. In these times of financial hardship, surely £1.4 million could have been spent more effectively and provoked less ridicule

Yours faithfully, HILARY FENDER, Headmistress, The Godolphin School, Milford Hill, Salisbury, Wiltshire. November 23.

From the Headmaster of Friern Barnet Grammar School

Sir, The introduction of the school exam league tables is the single most important positive educational reform that has been made in this country since Rab Butler's 1944 Education Act. For decades the inside operators of the English educational establishment have contrived to protect the general public and the ministers of Her Majesty's government from the raw truth.

They have done this by deploying suffocating volumes of fudge and waffle whenever the issue of standards has been raised. Now their bluff has been called. Their circumlocations and periphrases are redundant.

Now ordinary citizens have to hand v nave kong needed. I dev have the truth. The most significant raw data that can be assembled about the performance of schools have been made openly available to all. And they have been made available in a fair, intelligible and comprehensive way. Mr Patten's league tables represent a triumph for the freedom of information in our democracy.

Yours faithfully. JOHN PEARMAN. Headmaster. Friern Barnet Grammar School, Friem Barnet Road, N11. November 22.

Masked police

policemen.

From Dr N. A. H. Dawnay

Sir, Those of us who desire improve-

ments in the police service will have

been discouraged by the statement on

your front page (November 24) that a

boat, which turned out to be empty,

was stormed by armed, masked

men, especially armed ones, is cause for grave concern. In the case of

accidental or unlawful injury to a

suspect or bystander it would be

A properly conducted police force has no need to hide behind bala-

clavas. Law upheld by incognito

posses is no law. The police force

impossible to identify the culprit.

should repudiate such protection.

The issue of masks to any police-

From Professor C. T. Fitz-Gibbon

Sir, Publication of exam league tables may lead to attacks on examinations per se. Any such attack should be supported by proposals for feasible

The development of the UK examination system, in my view, is an outstanding achievement. Examination boards provide the fairest method of quality assurance available and may become the only means of keeping a competitive market honest.

Alas, the high-quality professional work which characterises the examination boards falls down on one small detail which may be vital: candidates' names and the schools they attend are on the examination scripts when they are marked. Is a script from Eton marked with the same mind-set as a paper from an inner city comp? Is one reason the North East of England receives lower grades simply some beliefs about pupils in the North East?

We shall not know until this flaw in examining procedures is removed. Candidate numbers are used in Northern Ireland. Scripts from each institution are at least distributed among markers in Scotland. When are the English examination boards going to adopt proper procedures to assure unbiased marking?

Yours faithfully. C. T. FITZ-GĽBBON, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, School of Education, Curriculum, Evaluation and Management Centre. St Thomas' Street. Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Miss E. M. Candy and Mr G. G. Able

November 18.

Sir, Lady Blatch, Education Minister, recently suggested to the Girls Schools Association that it was "too difficult" and "inappropriate" for the Department for Education to use the criteria of school year groups instead of age cohorts when publishing GCSE and A-level results.

It would seem to us that recent secretaries of state, including Mr Patten, have espoused policies which encourage pupils to be educated at a pace appropriate to each individual: surely this is consistent with the use of year groups rather than age cohorts for statistical purposes?

Furthermore, we would find it very disappointing if such a task were to prove too difficult for the combined thinking power of the DFE.

Yours faithfully. ELIZABETH CANDY (Headmistress, The Lady Eleanor Holles School), GRAHAM ABLE (Headmaster. Hampton School). Hanworth Road. Hampton, Middlesex. November 19.

From Mr John Midgley

Sir, I welcome the publication of league tables for school examination results. This is a long overdue step

Troops for Somalia

From Mr Louis Fitzgibbon

Sir, The surprise welcome extended by General Aidid for a large US force to protect food aid in Somalia (report, November 28) creates doubt to the point of suspicion. He must know that no single state can send troops to another unless under the UN flag, so that his condition that the Americans arrive as a purely US military unit rings a hollow note, perhaps intended to exclude soldiers from other countries (viz. the 500 Pakistani men in blue helmets already confined to the

perimeter of Mogadishn airport). General Aidid has shown himself to be a difficult negotiating partner so that, this time, he must be bluntly told that the US (and others) are coming in the name of the UN to save Somalia from itself, whether he likes it or not.

Yours sincerely, LOUIS FITZGIBBON, 8 Portland Place, Brighton, Sussex.

Vocational training

From Mr Leif Mills

Yours faithfully,

November 24.

N. A. H. DAWNAY,

24 Almond Grove, Bar Hill, Cambridgeshire.

Sir, Your thoughtful leading article (November 23) rightly calls on the government to clear up the mess in vocational training. We need to develop a new culture whereby every employee has an entitlement to lifelong learning.

National vocational qualifications, based on employment-led standards. can attest the competence of people at work but must have breadth and balance. Equally, academic qualifications must be reformed. Students entering employment or higher education need much more than the current narrow three A levels.

A recent NOP survey for the TUC found that almost seven out of ten workers wanted to develop their skills, but over two thirds thought that most employers do not provide sufficient training. More than eight out of ten think that unions should bargain for better training opportunities.

The TUC believes that as a first step employees should have the right to a minimum of five days' paid education and training each year. Large and medium-sized employers would be required to invest a proportion of their payroll in training.

Ernest Bevin once talked about the poverty of aspiration of working people. That is not true of today's workforce.

Yours sincerely, LEIF MILLS (Chairman, Education and Training Committee), Trades Union Congress Great Russell Street, WC1.

From Mr W. J. Weston

Sir, National vocational qualifications (NVQs) are a force for strengthening UK industry. They are awarded to applicants who meet specified standards of workplace competence. They are not, as your report (November 23) suggests, training programmes, although the standards on which they are based can provide guidance for the development of training provision.

The maintenance and updating of the standards and NVQs in response to rapidly changing market demands and emerging technologies will ensure their relevance to future needs.

Yours faithfully, W. J. WESTON (Project Manager). Engineering Occupations Standards Group, 10 Maltravers Street, WC2.

towards opening up our school system and establishing clearer lines of accountability between the schools and those they are there to serve pupils and parents. When we can see the results of the

standard assessment tests at the ages of seven, 11 and 14, together with GCSE results, a picture will be developed of a child's progression throughout school Moreover, in-terested parents will be able to place their child's public test results in context with those achieved in class-room tests, which good teachers do the whole year round.

I do not agree with the call in your leader (November 19) for a measurement taking into account the social deprivation of an area. Such a measurement is extremely subjective. It would provide a litary of excuses and dampen expectations.

Yours faithfully. JOHN MIDGLEY (Member, Conservative National Advisory Committee on Education). 14 Hope Street, Leigh, Lancashire. November 19.

From Mr David Monro

Sir, Simon Jenkins's suggestion that the Education Secretary should have made allowances in the examination league tables for socio-economic background defies common sense. Any system for doing so would be highly subjective and a recipe for encouraging prejudice.

We should credit those who use the tables with some intelligence. Parents are well aware of background differences, and far more acutely so in their district than any points system could accommodate.

Yours faithfully. DAVID MONRO. 30 Bedford Place, Bloomsbury Square, WC1. November 23.

From Dr Derek Haylock

Sir, The Times may be forgiven for perpetrating the computer error which listed all Norfolk schools under North Yorkshire, and vice versa, in your league tables of examination results (November 19). But you cannot be forgiven for the error of judgment which led to the publication of ordered lists such as the one with Norwich High School for Girls at the top and The Hall Special School, Old Carlton, at the bottom.

To include in the same ranking a privileged girls school and a special school for pupils with severe learning difficulties is both irresponsible and offensive.

Your abuse of the statistics provided by the Department for Education demonstrates precisely why there is so much unease about the whole exercise.

Yours etc. DEREK W. HAYLOCK. University of East Anglia, School of Education, Norwich, Norfolk NR4 7TJ. November 20.

Wisdom of youth

From Lord Justice Rose

Sir. Your leading article on the age of judges (November 24), advocating appointment "before they qualify for a free bus pass", was intermittently amusing but sadly inaccurate. I confine myself to two points:

1. All of the 13 judges appointed to the Queen's Bench Division since April 1990 were aged under 56 at the outset of their judicial careers and ten of them were under 52. The two youngest were 46. Two are women. 2. If knowledge of the Beatles is a useful criterion, as you appear to believe, 35-year-olds seem unlikely to provide 50-year-olds with much competition.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER ROSE, Royal Courts of Justice. Strand, WC2

Pounds out of pocket

From Ms Patricia Tyrrell Sir, Undoubtedly some of the money lost by Mr Simon Grice due to exchange-rate fluctuations fletter, November 24) is now lining my pockets. I receive a monthly social security payment from the US government; this payment is initially cal-culated in dollars but paid to me in Britain in sterling. In early September the pound stood at around \$2; the rate today is about \$1.51. Sorry, Mr Grice.

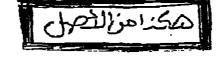
Yours truly, PATRICIA TYRRELL 17 Century Court, Porth, Newquay, Cornwall.

From Mr Robert A. H. Marsden-Smedley

Sir. Surely the problem which Mr Grice has encountered is a clear case of what the government would describe as "invisible earnings"?

Yours faithfully. ROBERT A. H. MARSDEN-SMEDLEY, 33 Novello Street, SW6.

Letters should carry a daytim telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.



Marriages

Mr O.G. Stephenson and Miss F.A.J. Malcolm

The marriage took place on Sat

urday at the Church of St John the

Evangelist, Edinburgh, of Mr

Oliver Stephenson, younger son of

Mr and Mrs Timothy Stephenson.

of Bakewell, Derbyshire, to Miss

Piona Malcolm, daughter of Sir

David and Lady Malcolm of

Guilane, East Lothian. The Rev

John Lindsay and the Rev Hum-

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, was at-tended by Felicity Hudson, Jessica

Stenhenson, John Stenhenson,

Molly Stephenson, Janes Home,

Lucy Alexander and Eleanor Aus-

nn Mr Nicholas Alexander was

A reception was held at

Prestonfield House and the honey-

The marriage took place on Sat-urday in St Mary's Cathedral,

Edinburgh, of Major Alastair Campbell, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Rob-

ert Campbell, of Aliries, Many-culter, Aberdeen, to Miss Rose Nickson, youngest daughter of Sir David and Lady Nickson, of Renagour, Aberfoyle, Stirling Canon Ian Paton officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and Mr Melfort Campbell was best man.

A reception was held at Archer's Hall and the honeymoon will be

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moon will be spent absord.

Major C.A. Campbell

and Miss R.L. Nickson

phrey Southern officiated.



COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 28: The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a concert in Winchester College to celebrate the completion of Winchester Cathedral's Fundraising Appeal. Mrs Peter Troughton was

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 29: The Princess Royal today opened the annual Station Show and Bloodstock Industry Trade Fair at the National Stud.

KENSINGTON PALACE November 29: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, London Suzuki Group, was present this atternoon at a Concert at St John's

Smith Square, London SW1.

In the evening the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present at the North London Chorus Gala Concert in aid of North London Hospice, Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1.

Mrs Howard Page and Major Nicholas Barne were in atten-

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andrea Palladio, architect, Padua, 1508: Sir Philip Sidney, poet and soldier, Penshurst, Kent, 1554; John Bunyan, writer and preacher, Elstow, near Bedford, 1628; Jonathan Swift, noet, satirist and pamphie teer. Dublin, 1667; John Toland, philosopher and free thinker, Inishowen, Co Donegal, 1670: Theodor Mommsen, historian, Garding, Germany, 1817; Mark Twain, writer, Florida, Missouri, 1835; Sir Paul Vinogradoff, historian, Kostrama, Russian, 1854; Sir Winston Churchill. Prime Minister 1940-45 and 1951-55, Blenheim Palace, 1874; Charles Hawtrey, actor, Hounslow, 1914. DEATHS: John Selden, lawyer and historian, Whitefriars, 1654; Sir Peter Lely, portrait painter, Covent Garden, 1680; Marcello Malpighi, physiologist, Rome, 1694; Giambaltista Bodoni, type designer, Padua, 1813: James Sheridan, Knowies, dramatist,

Torquay, 1862; August Bournon ville, writer, 1879; Oscar Wilde, dramatist and poet. Paris, 1900; Edward John Eyre, explorer in Australia. Tavistock, 1901; Wilhelm Furtwängler, conductor, Baden-Baden, 1964; Beniamino Gigli, tenor, Rome, 1957; Patrick Kavanagh, poet, Dublin, 1967; Sir Compton Mackenzie, writer, Edinburgh, 1972; Sir Terence Rattigan dramatist. Hamilton, Bermuda, 1977; Joyce Grenfell, actress and broadcaster, London,

Today is the Feast of St Andrew the patron saint of Scotland. The Crystal Palace, was destroyed by fire, South London, 1936.

Appointment Lord Feversham has been re-

Association of Local Councils.

Nature notes

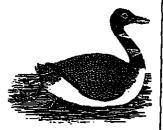
ALONG the west coast of Scotland there are many great northern divers some way out to sea: they are large, dark birds, with thick necks and long sharp beaks, but often no more than their head is visible as they float under the surface. They dive vigorously for herring. Along the east coast right down to Kent, there are wintering red-throated divers from Shetland and Scandinavia: they are paler birds, with an upturned bill, and feed closer inshore. Most seabirds leave their nesting sites in winter, but fulmars stay around the diffs: some rest on the ledges, others glide and turn in front of the cliffs like stiff-winged seagulls.

The greenest places in the countryside are damp lanes. Along the edges, small elder rings of fine teeth.

These are the words of the Lord of Hosts: in those days has people from nations of every language will take hold of the robe of one Jew

BOLTON - On November 22nd, at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport, to Clare (née Robinson) and Andrew, a son. Richard Thomas Charles. a brother for

BIRTHS



trees have pale green leaves that are still growing larger. On the verges, stinging nettles and cow parsley foliage are rampant, and jack-by-thehedge is already pushing up next year's leaves, smelling faintly of garlic.

At the edge of wet fields are clumps of field horsetail. bushy plants with a stalk made of segments connected by

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a special genue in aid of the Combined Theatrical Appeal Council at the Theatre Royal at 7.55 to mark the 40th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession. Princess Margaret will also attend.

The Duke of Kent will visit Joint European Tourus (JET), Abingdon, at 11.30; and will open the new civic offices of the Vale of White Horse District Council at 2.25.

Birthdays today

Miss Hilary Armstrong, MP, 47: Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas, writer, 87; Miss Diana Cotton, QC, 51: Mr Graham Crowden, actor, 70; Mr George Duffield, jockey, 46; Mr D.W. Fry, physicist, 82; Sir Victor Goodhew, former MP, 73; Mr Gary Lineker, footballer, 32; Mr Radu Lupu, pianist, 47: Lord Parry, 67: Miss Marguerite Porter, ballerina, 44; Sir Stanley Ress, former High Court judge, 85; Mr Max Reinhardt, publisher, 77.

Memorial service Professor John Fennell

A memorial service for Professor John Fennell was held on Sat-urday in New College Chapel, Oxford. The Rev Stephen Tucker, chaplain and dean of divinity, and the Right Rev Kallistos Ware, Bishop of Diokleia and Fellow of Pembroke College, officiated. Mr Paul Foote, Fellow of Queen's College, and Carion Hugh Wybrew, St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, read the lessons. The Bishop of Diokleia gave an address.

Dr William Harbrow Kennard

A thanksgiving service for the life of William Harbrow Kennard will be held on Friday, December 4, at 2.30pm at St Thomas' Church, Salisbury.

Mr Dominic Sasse

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Dominic Sasse will be held at Christ Church, Victoria Road, London, W8. on Tuesday, December 1, at noon.

Appointments in the RAF

AIR COMMODORE: 5 M D William-son-Noble - to MOD 23.11.92. GROUP CAPTAIN: D A Williams - TO RAF Coningsby 23.11.92; C R Cooper-TO HQ 11 GP 23.11.92; R 5 Peacock-Edwards - TO BDS Washington 23.11.92; JT G Rogerson - TO TPM RAF Hospital Akrotiri 20.11.92.

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Archaeology

Huge coin hoard dated to 1450s

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

A BIG hoard of medieval coins, which was declared treasure trove last year, was probably hidden during the Wars of the Roses.

Analysis of the range of coins and the historical circumstances of the time suggest that a London merchant "of Lancastrian sympathies and Reigate connections" was the unlucky owner.

The hoard, to be sold next Tuesday, was found by Roger Mintey, an accountant, in 1990. It contained over 6,700 coins, most of them English silver issues of Henry VI, but including those of monarchs back to Edward I.

Dr Barrie Cook of the British Museum identified 126 gold nobles, half and quarter-nobles and nearly 5,900 silver groats and halfgroats. One coin previously

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Geoffrey Smith, Team Leader of the Sirmingham Drugs Prevention Unit (Birmingham) to be Priest in the parishes of Brampton, Castle Carrock, Cumrew and Parism (Carlisle). The Rev Michael Smout, Rector, St Michael, Aughton, and Area Dean of Ormskirk: to be also an Honorary Canon of Uverpool Cathedral (Iverpool). The Rev Eric Sutherland, formerly incumbent, All Saints, Guildford (Guildford): to be Chaplain, Huntercombe HM YO!, Nexisebed (Oxford).

The Rev Christopher Tadman-Robins,

The Rev Christopher Tadman-Robins, non-sipendiary minister. Burford: to be Assistant Chaplain (temporary), Stoke Mandeville Hospital (Oxford). The Rev Andrew Tawn, Assistant Curate, Holy Spirit, Dovecto, Liverpool; to be Team Vicar, Dorchester Team Ministry, Berinsfield and Drayton St. Leonard, also to have supervision of students on pastoral training scheme at Cudesdon College (Oxford). The Rev Matthew Teiley, Vicar, St. Peters, Hindley, Liverpool: to be Team Vicar, St. Wildrids, Newbiggin Hail, in the Whorlton Team Ministry (Newcastle). The Rev Bill Todd, Vicar, St.
ine Whorligh Team Ministry (Newcastle).

The Rev Bill Todd, Vicar, St Christopher, Norris Green: to be also an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool).

The Rev David Turmbull, Vicar, Penlistone and Rural Dean of Barnsley: to be also an Honorary Canon of Waltefleid (Waltefleid).

The Rev Barbara Way, non-stipendiary Minister. Duxford, Hinston and Icdeon: to be non-stipendiary Minister. Pampisiond (Ely).

The Rev Baymond Webber, Team Vicar, Helston and Wendron (Turm) to be Rector, Kenton, Powderham, Coffon and Starcross Experie.

to be Rector, Kenton, Powderham Cofton and Starcross (Exeter). The Rev Michael Williams, Principa

of the Northern Ordination Course to be also an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool). The Rev Philip Wood, Vicar, Waithamstow, St. Luke, and Rural Dean of Waitham Porest: in be also a non-Revidentiant.

non-Residentiary Canon Chelmsford Carbedral (Chelmsford). The Rev Francis Woolley, Team Vicar, parish of The Ascension, Cambridge to be Rector, Leverington, and Priest-in-charge, Wisbeth St Mary (Ely).

Church in Wales
The Ven Thomas Goulstone,

Appointments

unknown was a "Leaf Trefoil" half-noble of Henry VI.

Found at Brokes Road Reigate. Surrey, this is the largest late medieval British coin hoard on record. It weighed around 50lb and had been buried in two jugs. One useful spinoff from the find is that these types of domestic pottery can now be precisely dated. The coins are thought to

have been hidden soon after 1454, as was another hoard of 987 coins found at Nut Wood near Reigate in 1972. "Both were less that 50 yards from medieval trackways," Mr Mintey said. Dennis Turner, President of

the Surrey Archaeological Society, who helped Mr Mintey recover his find, said that the track led up over the North Downs towards Kingston

The following have been elected to fellowships by examination: John Ta-Chiang Ma, Nicholas John McBride, MAGDALEN

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To a Kirkuldy Prize in Biological
Sciences Claire Louise Nightingale.
To a Nicholson Prize in Mathematics:
Lyain Marle Birchall; Miss Lorna
Taryn Malcolm.
To a Sarah Sunithson Prize in Modern
Languages: Helen Clare Ruse.

Three new members have been co-opted to Court, the governing body of the university: Dr Helen Zealley, chief administrative medical of-

The following have been installed officers of the Haberdashers' Com-

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upon Thames. He said that the first serious engagement of the Wars of the Roses was the

THE TIMES SATURDAY NO

first battle of St Albans in May 1455. "We cannot assume that the population of Reigate followed their manorial lord, John Mowbray, the Duke of Norfolk, and took the Yorkist side ... Within a day or so of the battle, victorious Yorkist soldiers were looting in Westminster, and we can assume that City merchants felt

He added:"The absence of jewellery suggests that the depositor was a merchant rather than a magnate or robber; the face value of the coins, around £120, suggests a wealthy one. We cannot really tie the hoard to a specific event, but we can speculate that the hoard may have been buried following the battle."

Bill Crossland, 53, a

scientist with BNR

Europe, has become Cambridge University's

first Research Profes-

sor of Photonics

ficer and director of public health at Lothian Health Board: Gavin

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1981; Dr Michael Shea, director

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Merchant Venturers

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University news

Forthcoming marriages

Captain C.I. Benham, REME, and Miss J.R. Laun The engagement is announced between Clive, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.K. Phelan, of Bigbury. Devon, and Joanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Lunn, of Woldingham, Surrey. Lientenant P.F. Brannan

and Dr R. Weissenborn The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Eric Brannan, of Tunbridge Wells, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Otto Weissenborn, of Hanover, Germany.

Mr R.P. Chapman and Miss S.J. Hayward The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs N.F. Chapman, of Liphook, Hampshire, and Sarah.

daughter of Mr and Mrs C.C. Hayward, also of Liphook. Mr R.M. Drummond and Mrs S.J.L. Cramp The engagement is announced between Robert Drummond, of

Windsor, Berkshire, and Jean Cramp (née Lawton Clark) of Cuckfield, West Sussez. Mr M.J. French and Miss J.M. Brady

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roly French, of Stafford Heights, Brisbane, Australia, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ron Brady, of Kenmore, Brisbane, Australia.

Mr LJ. King and Miss L. Flavell

between Ian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Arthur King, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Lynne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Flavell, of Coventry, West Midlands. Mr R.L.H. Long and Miss T.A. Burns

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Hanslip Long, of Midgham, Berkshire, and Tina, daughter of Mrs Jeanette Burns, of Heston,

medal

Sir Denys Lasdun has been awarded the 1992 Royal Institute of British Architects Trustees' medal for the Royal College of Physicians building in St Andrews Place, London. The jury's citation describes the building, completed over 25 years ago, as an eloquent demonstration of marriage between the classical and modern traditions.

Latest wills

Mr Joseph Donald Parker, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, director general of Comité International Radio Maritime 1955-82, left state valued at £766,893 net. Mr Tom Marshaft, of Kendal, Cumbria, described in his will as a master plumber, left £1,056,161

Mrs Ursula Thorne, of Oxied, Surrey, mother of Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader of the Liberal Party, left estate valued at £297,448 ne Mr Reginald Ellis Tongue, of

Cleabarrow, Windermere, Cum-bria, a celebrated racing driver before the second world war, left seather the section with war, set estate valued at £200,948 net. He left E,500 to Setbergh School Charley, for the purposes of Winder House, E,500 to Exeter College, Oxford, £500 each to the Worshipful Control of the Company of Loriners and the Cheshire Forest Hunt Club, for the nior Warden, Mr P.H. Lucas, First an annual function, and El 00 each to the parishes of Ashley and Crook.

Mr David Shepherd, of London W1, left estate valued at £2,658,485 net. He left £71,000 and his clothes to

He left 171,000 and his clothes to personal legares, £5,000 to the London Hospital, and 3/10th of the residue each to the Jewish Welfare Board and the British Technion Society, 11/40th of the residue to the Jewish Blind Society, 3/40th of the residue to British OKT, and 1/20th of the residue to British OKT, and 1/20th of the Revenswood Foundation. Other estates include (net, before

Mr William Fallon, of Birkdale, Merseyside, left estate valued at £6,140,539.

Mrs Anna Ellis, of Petworth, West ... £597.086 Mr John Hill Etherington, of London W8____ Mr Anthony George Samuel Hall. of Malton, North Yorks £521,506

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DEATHS ROWN - On 27th November

Dawsen, 22 George Street, Learnington Spa.

EDDISCON - Hugh 'Eddie', aged 43, died at home on Thursday November 26th 1992 a few days after his fifth wedding anniversary, and after a uniquely courageous ballie against an odds. Beloved husband of Sally Fear. Adored son and brother, and most deeply loved friend of many. Funeral Service at Hoty Innocents Church, Paddenswick Road, London W6. on Thursday December 3rd at 11:30 am GHERSEE - On November 21st suddenly but pencefully. Catherine Anne, treasured and foving daughter of Queente and the late Victor and devoted sister of Michael. The cremation will be held on Priday December 4th at Eliham Cremation will be held on Priday December 4th at Eliham Cremation will be held on Priday December 11:16 am Flowers to Manning Funeral Directors. Sidcup, Kent. Plesse no letters.

JONES on Thursday 26th November. Francis Montague, at the Hammetundist Hoppital, aged 70 years after a short Ilmess. Brother of Graham, Brian, Michael and the late Cheslyn and Alain, Puneral service on Friday 4th December at St. Mary's Church, High Street, Acton W3, followed by cremation, no flowers, but domations it desired to St. Mary's Church in nis memory.

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DEATHS SHAND KYDD - On Thursday November 26th. After a long filmes brayely borne. Rowland, dearly loved husband of Ursula and father of Eve. Funeral Service at Farm Street Church, Mayfair, at 10 am on Thursday December 3rd followed by private cremation for close family. Flowers to Kenyou's. 83 Westbourne Crove, London W2, tel: (071) 229-3810.

SUDDARDS - Died November 25th conditions of the Congain of the Suddards. Only son of the Honour Henry Gaunt of Standingley, His Honour Henry Games of the Congain of the Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the laise Fred and Agness Suddards. Only son of the Henry Gaunt of Standingley and brother of Mary. Funeral private No flowers by request. Docasions in lieu if so desired to Yorkshire Cancer Research Cannesiago. 39 East Parade, Harrogate, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings for the Cancer Research Cannesiago. 39 East Parade, Harrogate, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings for the Cancer Research Cannesiago. 39 East Parade, Harrogate, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings of the craditors of the suddards. Scott Parade, Harrogate, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings of the craditors of the suddards. Scott Parade, Harrogate, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings of the craditors of the suddards. Scott Parade, Harrogate, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings of the craditors of the suddards. Scott Parade, HGI SLO, Any enquiries rings of the craditors of the suddards. On the suddards of the suddards. On the suddards of the suddards. Act of the suddards of the sudd COMMELLY - On November 19th 1992. Johanna, late of Clondalkin. Dublin and Hampstead. London, passed away beacchilly after a short siness. Beloved mother of Derek, John and Mary, Punetal enquiries to 081 969 1819. DEYKIN - On November 26th DEYMIN - On November 26th
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MEMORIAL SERVICES COMMORS: A Methorial & Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of Dr. Tom Comnors will be held at 2.30pm on Thursday December 10th 1992 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray. All who wish to attend will be welcome. IN MEMORIAM -

HEGGE - James Perysson.
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November 29th 1990.
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OBITUARIES

SIR SIDNEY NOLAN

Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, AC, CBE, Australia's most celebrated painter of the 20th century, has died in London aged 75. He was born in Melbourne on April 22, 1917.

SIDNEY Nolan was a born painter with magical gifts, who arrived on the scene at just the right time to make a major contribution to Australia's collective imagination and sense of national identity. Beginning as a abstract artist he turned to figurative painting and in a series of Australian landscapes — and the figures he placed in them — he was able to embody the essence and atmosphere of the island continent and to give it its own mythology. He made his name on the international stage with his pictures of the notorious outlaw Ned Kelly, whose fame actually preceded the artist to Europe in the post-war years. These and his desert scenes commmunicated Australia's sense of strangeness, which Nolan was able to describe in a pictorial idiom that was haunting and poetic.

Sidney Robert Nolan was a sixthgeneration Australian of Irish descent on both sides of his family. His father was a tram-driver, and his grandfather had been a police officer in Victoria at the time of the Ned Kelly gang: from him. Sidney heard many stories about the exploits of this legendary folk-hero. Australia's Robin Hood.

Nolan's first interests were cycleracing and athletics. But he took art classes from the age of 12, received a training in craftsmanship at technical school, and attended night school at the Melbourne Gallery school where, however, he dodged the drawing classes to read Rimbaud and Ouspensky in the library upstairs. Employment from the age of 14 to 21 in the design and promotion department of Fayrfield Hats gave him an early ability in using spray paints and other mixed media not normally employed in fine art, which was to stand him in good stead later.

From 1937 to 1940 he was only interested in European art; imitating Klee, Picasso, and the then littleknown Kurt Schwitters in collage. However, in 1938 he came into the circle of the wealthy art patrons John and Sunday Reed, who were the sole support of the young Australian artists Arthur Boyd. Tucker, Perceval. Vassilieff and subsequently Nolan himself. Notan lived in their house at Heidelberg, near Melbourne, for several years, involved in both poetry and illustrations for the avant-garde magazine Angry Penguins.

Drafted into the army in 1942 and isolated at a training-camp at Dimboola amidst miles of wheatfields in the Wimmera district of Victoria, Nolan, bored with military life, began to paint the particular



the strangeness of the perspectives it produces, and the way that this strong sunlight, as he said, "isolates objects" - making the most dramatic events curiously static and timeless.

This observation of Australian light was an immediate contribution to national landscape painting, freeing it from romantic European models. To this Nolan soon added subject-matter from local stories and life, using the anti-stylism of child art, which Vassilieff had adopted. Putting this together with his understanding of European Surrealism and abstraction, and his fluent painting skills, Nolan arrived, in 1945, at the perfect amalgam of all this, his first Ned Kelly pictures.

The Ned Kelly story bites deep into the Australian subconscious — "a public shame and a private pride it has been called. A wild young Irishman born in 1855 and hanged for murder and theft in 1880 after two years of battles against the police and raids on banks, wearing homemade armour, Kelly issued a series of crudely idealistic public calls for social justice and revenge; his last words as the noose was put around

courage, violence, rough justice, and revolt against authority appealed to the imagination of this ex-penal colony; his last words typify the laconic, sardonic realism of Australian speech; and his career has been said to exemplify that Australian

national existentialism which ad-

mires purposeful action without be-

lieving that this has any ultimate value: "Might as well give it a burl"

Nolan intended the subject-matter as ironic commentary on the Australian psychology. For background, he had all the paradoxes of Australian landscape: three million square miles of ancient earth of which one-third is desert, with 10.000 species of flowers, weird animals and birds and a lingering aboriginal presence. This first Ned Kelly series, 1945-47, and the second series in 1954-5, brought world fame to Nolan - though the first showing in Australia was re-ceived with embarrassed indifference.

Sir Kenneth Clark discovered Nolan on a visit to Australia in 1949, noting "that truth of tone which is the surest sign of a natural painter": but

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Nolan, of whether to leave the source of his inspiration and move to a Europe of wider response to his art. Nolan himself did not see this as a dilemma, believing he could move forward, and from 1953 made Europe his base, from where he visited Italy in 1954 (he was Australian Commissioner at the Venice Biennale of 1954, showing also twelve paintings) and Greece in 1955-6. Then a world tour sponsored by Qantas Airways took him on to Turkey. India and Cambodia: followed in 1957 - the year of his retrospective at the Whitechapel Gallery - by visits to Japan and Mexico. In 1957 he studied engraving and lithography at Hayter's atelier in Paris: from 1958 to 1960 he was in

the USA. Nolan's visit to the Dardanelles inspired a series of 105 paintings subsequently given to the National Gallery in Melbourne in memory of his vounger brother — on the theme of the Gallinoli campaign, that event etched deep in Australian memory. from which Nolan conjured up parallels with the Trojan wars. And in 1957 he provided the dust-jacket illustration for that other Australian cultural event on the world scene: Patrick White's novel Voss.

Notan continued his huge output and bursts of creativity with such projects as Paradise Garden of 1970, 768 paintings of indigenous flowers shown as an immense group on a single wall: but despite increasing popularity and Royal patronage, critics believed they detected a fallingaway of his powers. His Leda and the Swan series in 1960 pleased only a few critics; his 1972 exhibition at Marlborough galleries was poorly received; and his Notes for Oedipus series in 1976 sold only one painting. and that to his dealer - subsequently returned to him. He himself said that he needed to

get "steamed up" over subject and form to produce good work: Bryan Robertson characterised him as "a magician who occasionally resorts to conjuring tricks in order to prove his magic". Nolan's weakness was that his love of painting was sometimes greater than his imagery. A deeper reason for his failure to follow up Australian mythology with universal mythology was his feeling, on coming to Europe, that the West was in decline. The underlying tragic thread of Nolan's work is that of a waste land — as God's glorious gift, spoilt by man. Lord Clark summed up in 1977: "When time has weeded out his colossal output and the didactic snobbery of abstract art has declined, he will be of even greater renown." Neglect of Nolan's work in London

over three decades was partially redeemed by a splendid retrospective at Folkestone Art Centre in 1979. and later in 1988 when his 1940s work was shown in the context of the

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Anery Penguins exhibition at the Hayward Gallery, which introduced his art to a new generation. The catalogue-book accompanying the Australian exhibition Nolan: Landscapes and Legends in 1987, which subsequently toured the world, and Nolan's biography, Such is Life, by Brian Adams, published in the same year, brought back to the public eye the greatest innovator in Australian Nolan completed many theatre

projects. His earliest was the commis-sion by Serge Lifar for designs for lcare for the De Basil company in Australia in 1939, his most successful. for the opera Samson et Dalila by Saint-Saens at Covent Garden in 1981, with the Australian producer Elijah Moshinsky - a seming in shades of rose, with drop curtains and painted gauzes and 200 costumes, which gained Nolan five curtain calls on the first night. For Covent Garden he had also designed the ballet Rite of Spring in 1962 (revived in 1987), and in 1987 provided the decor for Il Seraglio. Also, in 1970, Benjamin Britten whom Kenneth Clark had linked with Nolan in their "reckless innocence" with regard to subjects and media - had toured Central Australia with Nolan; until Britten's death in 1976 they were planning a ballet based on the initiation rites of Australian aboriginal youths, to be set against a chorus of Oxford choirboys, and using the true story of an Oxford suicide on his wedding

Nolan's chief personal quality was self-possession. Quiet and abstemi-ous, he had a gentle, diffident charm, with a sharp eye, a poetic quick wit. a toughness of intellect and an openness of imagination, which could be precise and sensible or extremely fantastic. His irreverent humour and enjoyment of the irrational and absurd could lead him, with his gregarious nature, to playing the Australian larrikin on public occasions. He claimed that the misunderstanding of his work by the critics had given him a kind of freedom: "I can work as I did as a boy, knowing that nobody cares.

Sidney Nolan was appointed CBE in 1963 for services to art in Britain a somewhat ironic honour in terms of Britain. Australia, and the British Empire, perhaps; he was created a Knight Bachelor in 1981 and appointed a member of the Order of Merit in 1983. Finally, he was made a Companion of the order of Australia in 1988.

He married Elizabeth Paterson in 1938, by whom he had a daughter, they were divorced in 1942. In 1948 he married Cynthia Hansen (née Reed), who committed suicide in 1974. In 1978 he married Mary Boyd, settling in 1983 on the Welsh border of Herefordshire.

THE MOST REV FRANK WOODS

The Most Rev Frank Woods, KBE, Archbishop of Melbourne, 1957-77. and Primate of Australia. 1971-77. died in

Melbourne yesterday aged \$5. He was born in Davos, Switzerland, on April 16, 1907. FOR Frank Woods, the Primacy of Australia was not a glittering prize attained by a

self-made man. For him high

office was an entrustment for which his whole earlier life had been a guided and conscious preparation. Born at Davos, where his father Edward, recovering from illness, was chaplain, he was educated at Mariborough and Trinity College, Cambridge. Ordained from Westcon House, he spent two years at St Mary's, Portsea, then returned to Trinity as chap-

lain, finally leaving Cam-

bridge, his home and college

base for 17 years, to go as vice-principal to Wells Theological

College, 1936-39.

As a Royal Artillery chaplain he was at Dunkirk in 1940 and he was later brought back from the Middle East to run a centre at Tidworth for chaplains' preliminary and refresher cources. A similar house was opened two years later at Assisi for the Mediterranean forces by his younger brother. Robin. who later as Dean of Windsor developed the idea at St

George's House in the Castle. Woods finished the war as senior chaplain in Northern Ireland, then went as vicar to Huddersfield, where he was a Proctor in Convocation and Chaplain to the King. In 1952 he followed his uncle Theodore as Suffragan Bishop of Middleton (Manchester). In 1957 he was elected Archbishop of Melbourne.

High office in another country always has pitfalls, as he discovered more than once. The layman's part in a nonestablished church was new to him, and this was complicated by the grant in 1962 - by the state legislatures but, by a curious oversight, not by the federal parliament — of a constitution conferring independence from Canterbury and judicial powers.

The new church courts' first case concerned one of Woods's own dergy, and the handling of it, marred by over-confidence in legal advisers untrained in church law, was flayed by the media (including the London New Statesman).

Archbishop Woods was the last Englishman to be brought out to an Australian see. But was not an amhassador of Canterbury, and did not seek to be one: nevertheless he thought in the Mother Church's mental language.

His fitness to meet the challenge of a large and expanding city was quickly shown by his appointment of a task force — of future bishops and other distinguished clergy for housing estates too new to have self-supporting parishes: and by his establishing in 1961 a permanent Inter-Church Trade and Industry

His experience of preparing clergy in peace and war served him in good stead and he raised the standard of training. Following the London example, he divided his jurisdiction into regions, each semi-autonomous under a

hishon-coadiutor From 1968 to 1976 Woods was on the World Council of Churches central committee. and with considerable courage he supported its controversial programme to combat racism. Committee meetings took him periodically overseas, a sign of his deep conviction that the place of the Australian Church lay in its being part of something bigger. Thus, at the WCC New Delhi Assembly in 1968 he travelled unexpected distances to address services and meetings. A WCC resolu-

tion on the Jews in Russia.

was endorsed at the Mel-bourne Synod and set a precedent by being discussed n the United Nations Third Committee at New York.

As Metropolitan of Victoria Woods brought to his see a new sense of responsibility for the much smaller country dioceses, offering exchange appointments and participa-tion in Melbourne's selection system for ordinands, in-ser vice training and the annual theology school. He had a similar outreach to the other denominations, as president of the Australian Council of Churches, 1965-6, in his leading role in that council's working group with the Roman Catholics and in his Ecumenical Affairs Committee to assess the different heritages of the Anglican and Protestant Churches. The Religious Centre at Monash University developed from this committee.



It was largely due to Woods that for the 1973 Eucharistic Congress at Melbourne Anglicans helped to accommodate the visitors, and that over 150 church leaders joined in a seminar on ecumenism. At a meeting in the town hall, after a cardinal from the Vatican had droned for an hour about the time not being ripe to move towards inter-communion, he replied that on the contrary "we are vearning for a catholicity greater and richer than any we have known so far" - and got an ovation. That catholicity was never far from his thinking, as witness the non-Anglican preachers and speakers in his cathedral. and an agreed liturgy for Holy Communion between the denominational colleges at Mel-

bourne University. For his last six years as archbishop he was Primate of Australia, an appointment that is sometimes little more than a badge of seniority; but not in his case. During those years he of course represented the Church overseas - perhaps most strikingly at the dedication of the new cathedral at Honiara, where in his sermon he recalled and confessed Australian guilt for the blackbirding of fathers, husbands and sons from the Melanesian islands to work. virtually as slaves, in the Queensland sugar plant-

ations.

To the General Synod. which met only once (1973) during his Primacy, he delivered a memorable charge outlining five hopes: Anglican unity, wider unity, doctrinal revision and unity, development of the ministry and the mission of the church. It was thanks to other men's speeches at that Synod that he changed his, till then, rigorist attitude to remarriage of divorcees in church. After retiring he had a series of medical setbacks, but he surmounted them with courage and went on (to quote a tribute of 1977) as a man "deeply responsible and responsive to the books he reads, the people he meets, the situations he enters and the occasions in which he is called

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PAUL RYAN

Paul Ryan, who with his formed the Sixties popsinging duo named after them. died of lung cancer in London yesterday aged 44. He was born in Leeds on October 24, 1948.

SONS of the popular singer Marion Ryan, Paul and Barry Ryan enjoyed considerable success in the Sixties with a series of hits beginning with "Don't Bring Me Your Heartaches" in 1968. Their cleancut image was in calculated contrast to that of groups like the Rolling Stones and gained them a following for their brand of relatively conservative ballads which steered clear of the socially-subversive note being struck by many other

groups of the time. After "Don't Bring Me Your Heartaches" which reached No 13 in the charts in 1965. they reeled off a succession of singles over the next two years. of which eight made the charts in respectable if unspectacular positions. "Have Pity On The Boy" and "I Love Her" were characteristic examples of somewhat undemanding fare which nevertheless did quite

well. With "Have You Ever Loved Somebody" and "Keep It Out Of Sight", which came out in 1966 and 1967, and were written respectively by the Hollies and Cat Stevens.

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Nevertheless. Robey was a comedian of genius, who had, in addition, that

robust quality of character which in the

end made him a national figure. His

attack and gusto, and his gift of gesture.

were superb. From the first moment

that he came on the stage, running

trippingly to the centre and holding a

short cane in both hands, there was no

doubt of his absolute power over his

audience. It was a constant joy to see him lift those heavily blacked eyebrows

in pained surprise when the audience would insist on taking some remark of

his in its less innocent interpretation, or

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they appeared to be aiming at something with a little more substance in it. But their fans did not really take to the new style and the songs did less well than their predecessors.

Barry and Paul split up. amicably enough, in 1968. Paul to concentrate on songwriting while Barry embarked on a solo career. Together they created "Eloise" which was a No 2 hit for Barry in 1968, but this impetus was not sustained. In the 1970s Paul lived for a time on the American West Coast, returning to London in 1985 to open a chain of hairdressing salons. One of his songs, I Will Drink The Wine", was recorded by Frank Sinatra.

He leaves his widow, Karen. and a daughter.

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The Prime Minister of Minth, as he was called, died on November 29, aged 85, With Violet Loraine he popularised the most sentimental song of his time: "If you were the only girl in the world."

raise a solemn hand to bid them "desist from this unseemly merriment". There was a glorious impudence about his bearing at such moments that was far funner than anything he said: and the "honest vulgarity" of which he was so proud was in truth not always palatable though a suggestion of jovial roguery. hidden behind his air of unctuous solemnity, was no doubt essential to his

The effectiveness of Robey's turn was greatly assisted by the costume he

adopted - the long, collarless frockcoat, buttoned up to the neck, and the little, semi-clerical bowler-hat that tooked like a saucepan lid. In this rig-out Robey had a fascinating air as of a genial Stiggins, and he always sang the first song in his turn so dressed. What he said was seldom very witty (and sometimes not funny at all) when divorced from what he did and how he looked.

Some of his most ludicrous performances were those in which pure miming had a prominent share - as in the unforgettable revue scene (also played on the Continent by Mortoni in which Robey was a country cousin who had taken a box at the Savoy Theatre under the impression that it was a bedroom at the Savoy Hotel.

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NEWS

Major stands by his Chancellor

John Major again stood by his embattled Chancellor after the disclosure that the taxpayer and the Conservative party paid legal bills incurred in evicting a "sex therapist" who rented Norman Lamont's London home.

The prime minister let it be known that he had no intention of demanding the resignation of a Chancellor but as Labour leaders called for Mr Lamont's resignation, influential Tory MPs suggested privately that Mr Major would be forced into a reshuffle earlier than planned

Siege town battered but unbowed

Tim Judah reports from the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica which has been surrounded by the Serbs for eight months. He joined a convoy which ignored Serbian jeers and found a

Cost of defeat

The Labour party spent £10.6 million - nearly as much as the Tories —during the last general election campaign, and more during crucial parts of the long pre-election period Page 2

Labour threat

John Cunningham, the shadow foreign secretary, yesterday left open the door for Labour to try to vote down the Maastricht bill when it reaches its third reading .. Page 2 next vear

Yettsin confident

President Yeltsin admitted at the weekend that he had made "tactical compromises" in the run-up to tomorrow's crucial Congress of People's Deputies, but said that his strategy was to keep Russia's reforms alive ... Page 11

German raids

Police carried out raids across Germany at the weekend on centres of the banned neo-Nazi Nationalist Front, and seized weapons and explosives Page 12

Golf club terror

The South African government issued an appeal for calm and for people not to take the law into their own hands after four whites were shot dead and 17 people injured by black gunmen at a

University fees

Up to a fifth of university students would pay tuition fees under a Labour plan for affluent

higher education. The scheme, put forward in a weekend speech by Jeff Rooker, Labour's higher education spokesman, would reverse the party's traditional support for free mition Page 10 Crash criticism

Relatives and friends of the 35 Britons who died in the Nepal air crash two months ago criticised the Foreign Office and a company of international undertakers for lack of information about the identification of victims and plans for a mass

Human rights claim

Human rights organisations in Peru claim there has been a rise in violations by security forces since President Fujimori initiated a coup in April when he gave the armed forces increased emergency powers to launch an allout war against Shining Path

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Tourist country

guerrillas...

Crossmaglen, at the heart of south Armagh's "bandit country", is rapidly becoming known around the world for tourism. Golf courses, country inns, restaurants, and theatres are springing up and attracting thousands of visitors from America, France, Italy, and . Page 5 ... apan

Sunday opening House of Fraser abandoned its

objection to Sunday trading and opened 52 of its 62 stores - but not Harrods -in defiance of the Queen returns to Windsor Castle

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around the turbulent waters off Cape Horn. At about 17.00 GMT. Nuclear Electric became the first amateur-crewed yacht to round the . Page 21 Football: Chelsea rose to fifth place



think, caught in the crossfire of claims after the publication of GCSE and A-level results? Page 33 Cultural evolution: Every child must learn the key traditions that have made this country what it is, says David Pascall, of the National Curriculum Council...... Page 33

Fuming French: The latest Elle

magazine blows smoke in the face of those aiming to save the French from Le Tabac... ... Page 15 Soft skins: Like the white shirt before it. leather is a constant in the wardrobe until the light shines

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Final bow?: Sir Michael Hordern, now 81 years old, is about to open in the West End in what may be his last stage run.... ideal casting: Yoko Watanabe

makes an utterly convincing hero-

ine in a less than convincing production of Madame Butterfly, revived at Covent Garden ... Page 30 Pick of the pops: The much-parodied Victorian narrative painting, And When Did You Last See Your

Father?, is the star attraction of a Liverpool exhibition..... Page 31 Stormy weather: Benedict Nightingale is not impressed with Michael Bogdanov's updating of The Tempest, - the most serene of Shake-

speare's dramas ...

Women at work The National

Council of Women's report on work got varied coverage. The Evening Standard said "Superwoman finds staying home is best. The Independent and The Guardian had the opposite view...... Page 14

Pregnant women at work: Discrimination during pregnancy is one of the fastest growing areas of enquiry for the Equal Opportunities Commission....

Peacemaker: In Alexandra, the battered black township abutting Johannesburg's leafy northern suburbs, an English widow is asking questions about shootings and accompanying the police on cordonand-search operations Page 14

Four aspiring medics approach their final round of nail-biting and revision. An absorbing look at doctors-to-be.....

Lamont's laments

If the Government were built on greater principle, its leaders would more easily avoid attack and less readily fall down holes Page 17

Campaign gainst Aids Continued vigilance and unrelenting effort will be needed if future generations are to give us credit for preventing the epidemic that never happened....

Everyman as Drake

Last night the vanguard of 140 amateur yachtsmen began their passage around what can be voted, without superlatives, the most awful place on earth Page 17

BERNARD LEVIN

Mr Humana's impossible problem solved itself in a moment of inspiration. He would, he decided, draw un a list of 40 items, each of them testing the quality of a nation's human rights ... We now turn to the most important question: is the world's human rights rating going up or going down? ____ Page 16 PETER RIDDELL

In the immediate future, there is no reason why Mr Lamont should resign because of overrunning his credit card limit or because the Treasury paid part of his legal fees over a public dispute about his tenant. Immendo about his private life is irrelevant... ...Page 16 MATTHEW PARRIS...

There is nothing wrong with curiosity about politicians personal secrets: it is our attempt to rationalise it which causes the trouble. Because we are ashamed, we construct po-faced justifications for discussing such matters ... We end up sacking ministers for the wrongPage 16

Readers take sides on the question of schools examination league

It would be wrong to conclude from last week's announcment that Britain is creating a new kind of monarchy. The silver sticks in wating still wait and so does a genuine

Racial tension: a Kurd and a Turk come to blows during a demonstration against outrages by neo-nazis in Mölin, Germany. Page 12

Anatole Kaletsky: Last week's

-Busiless . . .

Green Paper on the BBC was a symbolic setback for the radical economics of the 1980s. The government shoudl be congratulated for preserving a great institution and ignoring the ivory-tower Page 38

report on how companies should run themselves will be published tomorrow but proposals on the role of non-executive directors are likely to have been watered down after trenchant. . Page 40

Under fire: The European exchange rate mechanism could come under further pressure today as the Irish punt, prime candidate for devaluation, faces the full force of the market for the first time since the elections... . Page 40

Bank's bonus: A Royal Bank of Scotland manager has received a £6 million bonus this year on top of a £280,000 salary for running the Direct Line insurance subsidiary. The bonus is related to the company's expansion... Page 40

Sour Salling: John Chittenden and his crew in Nuclear Electric last night led the British Steel Challenge race

in the Premier League by beating Leeds, the champions, 1-0Page 21



Desert Island Discs that he once believed he would be prime minister after Margaret Thatcher, as her "natural successor" Page 3



Labour leader, said his party would not ioin a coalition government which was committed to any sort of privatisation

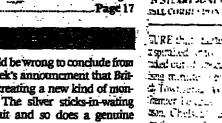


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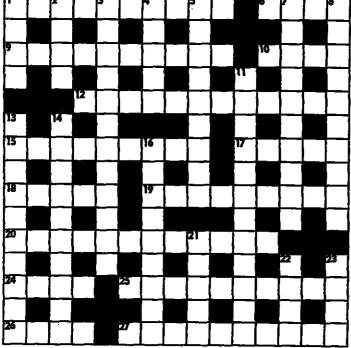
Barely a week after a fire destroyed part of Windsor Castle, the

Queen was back in residence last night. The Royal Standard

was flying above the battlements, and Buckingham Palace

confirmed that the Queen had moved back into her apart-

ments. During the fire the rooms were emptied of furniture



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- 15 Sweetheart takes money order on joint holiday (9). 17 The beast may write, say, a letter
- 18 The pain it causes can be cruel
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- 20 Nominal leader admits the king is without a real pioneer (12).

PARKER 🚨 DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,088 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

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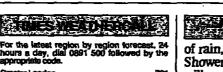
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Cane will make you smart (5).

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What culture should be taught in schools?



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Anatole Kaletsky on the future of the BBC

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First amateur crew round Cape Horn in triumph

JOHN Chittenden and his crew of 13 on Nuclear Electric last night led the British Steel Challenge race around the turbulent waters off Cape

At about 17.00 GMT, Nuclear Electric became the first amateur-crewed yacht to round the Horn. Chittenden, a 52-year-old master mariner from London, and his team barely had time to celebrate their achievement, although Liz MacDonald reported from the boat: "As well as being the adventure of a lifetime, it really is the ultimate personal challenge — the opportunity to push myself to the limit."

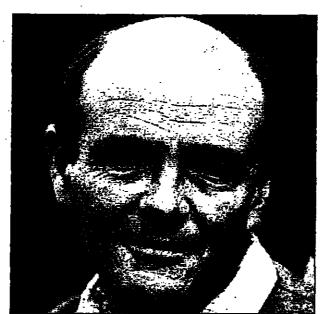
Cape Horn lived up to its reputation as preparation for the ten yachts heading from Rio de Janeiro to Tasmania on the second stage of their 28.000-mile race around the world. It was flat calm one moment; raining the next, the water driven horizontal by 30knot blasts as one depression

the Southern Ocean.
This is where the dark blue

vaters of the Pacific meet the grey-green of the Affantic; where the Southern Ocean rollers, unhindered for more than 14,000 miles, pour into Drake's Channel, a funnel just 480 miles wide between Ant-arctica and the tip of South America. The result is almost always impressive, with breaking crests that range between six and sixty feet.

For the previous 24 hours, Chittenden and his crew had been fighting an almost losing battle to weather the Cape. On Friday, they were talking of rounding at dusk on Satur-day. At noon GMT yesterday, they were still 20 miles away, battling to make more than three knots into the teeth of a 30-knot sou wester.

"Wherever we go, the wind seems to head us," Chittenden said after a frustrating 48 hours "We spent several hours almost becalmed just north of the Le Maire Straits and we have met headwinds ever since."



Chittenden, left, leads his crew to glory, while Phillips, right, has to head for repairs in Port Stanley

Chilean Navy supply ship Castor, anchored in the sheltered lee of black rocks that tower into the clouds; from here, the tales from seamen

serving before the mast a century past suddenly take on a much starker realism. The worst year was 1905,

when more than 400 square-

rigged ships made, or tried to make, voyages round Cape Horn. At least six ships disappeared. Many more were driven aground on the tooth-like

Falklands, Montevideo or Rio gave up the battle and ran right round the world before the Roaring Forties to reach their destinations from the other side of the globe. The ten identical 67ft Brit-

turn and run in distress for the

ish Steel yachts have been designed specifically for this ward much more purposefully than any square-rigger. Yet, when Nuclear Electric can barely make three knots towards her goal, the ferocity of these seas is better understood.

Chay Blyth, whose solo circumnavigation 21 years ago inspired the British Steel race. sent a message of congratulation to Nuclear Electric. "I well remember being very worried and scared about rounding Cape Horn. I am sure they will feel, as I did, that although this is really the starting gate of the worst to come. the barrier is now lifted and the way forward around the rest of the world is open."

Commercial Union was about 150 miles behind

eight-times champion Nat-

ional Hunt jockey, spoke yes-

terday of the frustration of not

Despite having the best winning strike rate of any jump jockey — 31 per cent — he has been given only a handful of outside rides this

season and the dearth of

opportunities looks like cost-

being offered horses to ride.

Scudamore starved

of outside rides

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

Nuclear Electric at 15.00 GMT yesterday, while Rhone-Poulenc and Interspray reported problems. Peter Phillips and his crew on Rhone-Poulenc were knocked down by a 40-knot gust and were heading for Port Stanley to make repairs. On Interspray, the watch leader. John Davis, was resting after

crashed on his head. Paul Jeffes, the skipper of Interspray, said: "Initially, we were concerned that he might have suffered a detached retina as well as concussion. But

rusiTIONS (at 15.00 GMT yesterday, who makes to Hobert, Tasmania); 1. Nucles Electric (J. Chiterden), 5381; 2. Commercial Union (R. Merrwether), 5534; 3. Coopers & Lybrand (V. Cherry), 5585; 4. Hottrau Lager (P. Goss), 5689; 5. British Steel II (R. Tudor), 5731; 6, Heath Insured (A. Donovan), 5745; 7. Phole of Teesside (I. MacGellerray), 5747; 8. Rhone ☐ Barry Pickthall's report was filed from an STC satellite telephone. Race details from

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Leeds United's Premier League aspirations exposed by another away defeat

Townsend offers some late relief

Leeds United...

By STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A FIXTURE that started badly and spiralled into decline was plucked out of obscurity in the closing minutes yesterday by Andy Townsend. With his third Premier League goal of the season, Chelsea's captain lifted his club into fifth place, eight points behind the leaders. Norwich City.

cultured right foot, maintained a productive sequence which has propelled Chelsea into an improbable position. With seven wins in eight games, they have clamboured on to the edge of contention and their elevation serves as an adverse comment on the

inadequacy of their rivals. Leeds United are a case in point. Having lost sight of the European Cup, they indicated with their victory over Arsenal last weekend that they might be focussing on an attempt to retain the title. Their away form, though, continues to condemn them to no more than distant also-rans.

"We seem to take one step forward and two steps back." Howard Wilkinson, their manager, said. "I thought we deserved a point. The winner was their first shot in the second half and they only had

two in the first." Leeds, by nature the more artistic unit, were never allowed to doodle, let alone paint a picture. If all the highlights had been con-densed into one package, they would have filled barely a minute. The level of purposeful creation could scarcely have been lower.

Teams initially flex their muscles as a customary demonstration of their physical power and mental commitment, but at Stamford Bridge the process was taken to such extremes that it was still being applied at the end. Although no malice was apparent and no cautions were issued, the snari. Since anyone in possession could expect to be involved in a bone-shuddering collision the ball invariably had to be released too swiftly for any constructive moves to be formed.

That was to Chelsea's advantage. They smothered the greater individual talent of their opponents and displayed their own more limited ability with a seemingly endless series of lofted through balls.

The prospect of a goalless draw, for which both managers had settled, was dismissed unexpectedly when Hall crossed towards Wise. Although he was being manhandled by Newsome, he managed to pull the ball down for Townsend who struck it with thunderous power past

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McAlleser, G Speed.
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High step: Chapman, left, beats Lee, the Chelsea defender, during Leeds' defeat at Stamford Bridge yesterday

Norwich pass the test of potential champions

By DAVID MILLER

The idea that Mike Walker — who? — might succeed Graham Taylor as England manager would be thought far-fetched. The same would have been said of Alf Ramsey, before Ipswich Town stole the Football League title in 1962. It would be a rash man who bet heavily against Norwich now emulating their neighbours 30 years on Norwich are as tactically

innovative as were Ramsey's team, and even better pass ers of the ball, a skill that Ramsey always stressed was the essence of the game. Early this season, Walker cautiously suggested that Norwich might no longer be years, given the need to move the ball forward more quickly. He was unnecessarily modest. Norwich are still the best passers, other than

Their victory over Aston Villa, themselves an out-standing team, produced on Saturday the finest English

league match I can recall in some years, played at breath-taking pace in broad sweeps back and forth across Villa Park's perfect surface. And the key to Norwich's success was the use of a sweeper. Culverhouse, playing intelli-gently behind two markers, Butterworth and Polston, enabled Norwich to have an "extra" player, Fox, who fizzed like a Catherine wheel between middle four and front two, Robins and

Beckford. It is the formation that I have long been convinced England should employ, and it makes Norwich not only deserved front runners, but also one of the most entertaining of teams, never mind that they lack a so-called superstar; just as it was,

indeed, with Ramsey. The sweeper system formidable threat of Atkinson and Saunders, perhaps the most dangerous there is

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played at breathtaking pace in broad sweeps across Villa Park's perfect surface

DAVID

in the league. But only just. Culverhouse steadied Norwich in the opening quarter of an hour, when Villa were flowing with confidence until suddenly a goal behind. For the next half-hour Norwich overwhelmed their opponents, their supreme accmacy and movement off the ball from midfield forcing Ehiogu, deputising for the injured Teale, into repeated

With Norwich two-up through an error by Spink, uncharacteristically dropping the ball under pressure, Villa were groggy; yet they responded brilliantly with goals from midfield a minute either side of half-time. Nor-

wich showed their character by immediately retaking the lead, and in the final 20 minutes it was once again Culverhouse's reading of the game, in a defence which bizarrely is the second worst in the Premier League, which kept Villa out; though in the final minutes Gunn had to tip away Culverhouse's desperate misdirected header.

It should be mentioned coincidentally, that one-third of the players on the field were Anglo-African, representative of the revolution taking place in the English game on and off the field. Before the start I saw, hurrying to the ground with that

ten-year-old son dressed from head to toe in claret and You will not see a better-

constructed move than that

which brought Norwich's opening goal, in the seventeenth minute. Sutch, an underestimated midfield player, drew two men before switching the ball to Fox. In turn, the ball was fed quickly to Robins and then Phillips. flying free on the left, and he cut in to beat Spink crisply. Now Norwich ran riot, Spink being forced into action every few minutes. On the half-hour he fumbled a corner from Phillips from the

hand to accept the gift. It would have been no exagger-ation had Norwich been four-

left and Beckford was on

Then Houghton, so

strangely discarded by Liver-pool, put Villa back in the game on the stroke of half-Their victory produced the finest English league match I can recall in some years,

Umpires. T Prue and S Randel

and barely had the second half begun than Parker ran through to sweep in first time a clever chip from Houghton. Now, thought the crowd,

Villa would come into their

own. Not so.

Fox, whose dribbling and movement repeatedly unhinged Villa, worked loose to set up an opening for Sutch, who scored smartly from an acute angle, and once more Villa had a fight on their hands. They launched themselves at recovery with a vengeance, yet Norwich's supposedly vulnerable defence held on commendably and they left for home looking as good as at any time in their history. How Villa must regret that Richardson's fierce drive ten minutes from time was not a foot or two further to the left, Gunn

further to the terr, Gurun being able to preserve a memorable victory. ASTON VILLA: N Spric E Banett. S Staunton. H Ebiogu Sudo: C Regio, D Modrath, K Richerstoon, B Houghism. G Parker, D Saunders, D Addrson, B Small. NORMACH CITY: B Gurn; I Culvertouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, J Polson, D Suich, I Cook, D Bectdord (sub: C Sutton), M Robins, R Fox, D Philips.

ing him the jockeys' title, which he has won for the past seven years. Scudamore is retained by Martin Pipe, the champion

also retained by top yards, he is picking up very few horses to ride from other stables.

Pipe has provided the charnpion jockey with 108 of his 148 mounts this season. Most of the other 40 have come from Nigel Twiston-Davies By contrast, only 57 of

rides have come from David Nicholson. Dunwoody is lucky enough to have a second retainer with Nicky Henderson, he has also gained many outside mounts which have helped him to land 61 winners.

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The apparent reluctance of trainers to book Scudamore resulted in him having a riderless day last Friday. Several racing people assumed he was having a day off.

"I am just not getting many outside rides. I would certainly like to get a few more and I more often," Scudamore said yesterday. "I have been eight times champion jockey and I think it is a case of trainers thinking I am not going to bother that much, but I am as hungry as ever."

Hennessy surprise, page 28

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took three wickets for 37.

Castleford cut things fine as they go third

Bradford Northern..... 20

By Christopher Irvine

AFTER a spluttering start, Castleford have found fifth gear and the fast track. Just three months into the season. the suspicion is that the discovery may already be too late.

Yesterday, a second win against Bradford Northern in a fortnight, their sixth victory moved them above their Yorkshire rivals into third position in the Stones Bitter championship. Four defeats have, how-ever, done their chances perhaps irrevocable harm. With four meetings against the leaders. Wigan and St Helens, still to come, the fixture list contains no more

favours. Castleford, as ever, negotiated a perilous path to victory. which seemed to have been secured in the first hour at Wheldon Road. In the closing quarter Bradford gratefully plundered four tries they should never have been permitted.

Tiredness or arrogance, ei-ther way Castleford's laxity was inexcusable. The foundations of what appeared, at one stage, to be a runaway victory were built on the lunging runs from the back of the scrum of Nikau, who had a hand in three of the four tries, combined with Coyne's precision kicking and the driving and offloading in the tackle of the props, Sampson and Crooks, who also succeeded with all six of his place kicks.

Watson, the stand-off half, was a lone figure taking the ball up for Bradford, who hung on desparately for half Nikau sent Middleton away, the full back sent a long pass out to Blackmore, raced up on his outside and collected the hall for a classically-worked

Things became ridiculously easy for the home side at the start of the second half. Wray ended McGowan's charge down the right wing with a try-saving tackle, whereupon Smith picked off two scores for Castleford in five minutes. Nikau set him up for the first. and then tore away from a scrum to send him wriggling clear of two defenders.

Despite being 24-0 ahead, it proved only a job half done. When Shelford eased his way over and Heron put Medley clear for Bradford, the tries were more than a generous consolation point. Castleford were grateful for the dropped ball by Simpson that allowed Ellis to score. A try by McGowan and a second by Shelford gave the home side an uneasy last five minutes.

SCORERS: Castletord: Tries: Smith (2), Middleton, Elis, Goats: Crooks (8), Middle-ton, Bractiord: Tries: Smithot (2), Medley, McGowen, Goats: Merchent (2), CASTLEFORD: S Middleton: S Elis, R Blackmore, T Smith, J Winsy, P Coyne, M Ford: L Crooks (sub: K England), C Weston, D Samsen, T Mortism, M Kattender (sub: Marchant, S. McGowan, D. Sheltord, T. Anderson; D. Watson, N. Summers (sub: B. Noble), D. Hobbe (sub: T Clark), B. Noble (sub: P. Medley), J. Hamer, R. Powell, K. Estitunet, D. McGowan, K.

☐ The Rugby Football number of radical proposals debated by the League's council later this week. These include a return to a two division format, a cut in the limit of foreign players from three to two per club, and a switch of the county cup competitions to pre-season.



Parrott's progress: despite battling back yesterday afternoon, the defending champion could not make inroads in White's lead

White poised to fulfil ambition at last

By PHIL YATES

JIMMY WHITE was on the verge of filling the penulti-mate void in his title collection when he led John Parrott 13-8 going into the concluding session of the best-of-31 frame Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship final in Preston yesterday. White, the world No. 3.

holds the British and European Open titles and last month he became the Rothmans Grand Prix champion. However, with the obvious exception of the world championship itself, it is vic-

OPEN athletics in Scotland

has been approved by the

sport's world authorities. The

red tape that was holding up

the historic move has now

been swept aside and the way

is clear for amateurs to com-

pete alongside professionals as

they have done in Australia for

tory in the UK event which has been his objective. In the final 12 months ago,

White enhanced a deserved reputation as the game's most celebrated nearly-man when he was beaten 16-13 by Parrott. When this year's final began on Saturday, he established a commanding 6-I lead after the first session and then withstood a determined counter-attack from the champion to remain four frames ahead overnight at

Having suffered as Stephen Hendry transformed a 14-8 deficit against him into

ATHLETICS

Scotland on track

for open meetings

By a Special Correspondent

championship final in May, White understandably placed great store on preventing Parrott from making a confi dence-boosting

vesterday. White, who has lost four of his previous five finals against Parrott, increased his lead to 10-5 with a fluent 74 break and a run of 54 helped him move 64-0 up in the next frame.A missed red to the left-hand middle pocket gave Parrott a gilt-edged opportunity to strike a significant psychological blow but, having responded with 28, the Liverpudlian suffered an

"kick" in attempting to pot a

simple red and White's resultant 31 was more than adequate to bring up 11-5. In the none too distance

past, such misfortune would have effectively killed off Par-rott's challenge. This season, however, he has already displayed great resolve by edg-ing out Hendry in the deciding frame of two finals. Parrott compiled a 126 total clearance in the seventeenth frame and a 70 in the nineteenth but any erosion of his arrears was limited by an intervening run of 71 from White in the eighteenth. Without putting together a

contribution of any note,

White comfortably increased his cushion to seven frames at 13-7 and even though Parrott again replied with a stubborn 90 break in the last of the session, his task remained extremely difficult.

White required only three of the final 10 frames to collect the £70,000 first prize while Parrott, who would replace Hendry at the top of the provisional world rankings should he complete the unlikely comeback, need-

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German stays ahead of Searle

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

MATTHIAS Siejkowski, of indoor championship to his world title at Shiplake College yesterday. Britain's Olympic gold medal-winner Searle, began to mount hi challenge in the last 500 metres, but, even with his Olympic coxswain, Gary Herbert, screaming in his ear, he two stone advantage of the 61 10in Siejkowski proved toe

The packed arena, complete with cheerleaders, had seen plenty of British success in earlier finals. Chris Longs British lightweight title looked under threat when the Dutch sculler, Pepyn Aardewijn, controlled the first six minutes of halt with 600 metres to go. restart, but Aardewijn re-sponded only briefly before he

Ali Gill, now married to Leander's Mark Hall, retained her women's title by a split second from her fellow Olympic finalist, Jo Turvey, and her husband created history when his illustrious Leander team produced the first championship dead-heat. They tied with Leeds University, and the little-known students understandably received

Both of Britain's current world champions, Andy Ripley and Anne-Marie Dryden. won their classes. Dryden beating the world record in the

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BOWLS

McCarley is beaten by Gough

By DAVID RHYS JONES

Alan McCarley, the local champion, 7-2, 7-6, in the final of the Welsh Brewers Champions All tournament at Llanelli yesterday.

After taking the first set with ease, Gough dropped a full house of four shots on the opening end of the second set. but fought back with tremendous spirit, scoring a treble on the next end and winning with a superb trail when McCarley was holding a set

Torfaen, the holders, were beaten in the quarter-finals of the Welsh women's indoor fours championship at Cardiff, where a team from the home club reached the final. Their opponents will be Radnor, a new club from Mid

Cyphers, the holders, had another comfortable win in the Haven/Commercial Union inter-club champion-ship on Saturday, but in the surprise of the round, Darlington, beaten finalists last year, lost to Great Aycliffe. a much smaller club, 80-73.

This puts Great Aycliffe into the last 32 on January 2, for the first time in their history. Playing at home, Harry Ashcroft, their captain and chairman, skipped his break to a match-winning 27-9 victory over Tony Bousfield, offsetting two away losses.

Past champions to advance included Paddington, Cambridge Park, Hartiepool and City of Ealing.

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Wigan cruise home

THE league leaders. Wigan ran in eight tries and Frano Botica landed eight goals from ten attempts as Wigan beat Hull Kingston Rovers 48-18 yesterday. A Mike Fletcher penalty goal gave Rovers an early lead, but Wigan then grabbed two tries in five minutes through Lucas and

Cowie then got his first of the season before Panapa grabbed Wigan's fourth. Sodie, Hutchinson and Fletcher scored tries for Rovers

down of his career.

as they staged a recovery, but

Stones Bitter Championship

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POWERBOATING

Bocca finishes

as champion

FABRICIO Bocca, of Italy,

became the world inland cir-

cuit champion yesterday when

he finished runner-up to Bill

Seebold, of United States, in

the Singapore grand prix (Bryan Stiles writes). In one of

the most competitive races of

the series. Bocca beat off the

challenge of the Britons, Steve

Kenton and John Hill, who

finished one point behind him

Seebold, competing in his

first world championship race

in four seasons, showed he

had lost none of his old skill.

holding the lead for most of

the opening 32 laps. The race

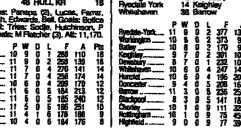
then had to be stopped to clear

debris from the course and

from the restart Seebold held

the lead all the way to the

in the final league table.



Wigan then stepped up a gear,

on another defeat, this time by 30-20. Warrington drew 7-7

CASTLEFORD 30 BRADFORD Castleford: Tries: Smith (2), Bills, Middle-ton. Goals: Crooks (6), Middleton. Bradford: Tries: Sheflord (2), Medley, MicSowan Goals: Merchant (2), Att. 5,852 Hult: Tries: Eastwood (2), Busby (2), Grant, L. Jackson, R. Noten, Goele: Eastwood (7), Salford: Try: Evans Goele: Blakeley (3), Att. 4,047 ST HELENS 30 SHEFFRELD

St Helens: Tries: Ropati (2), Connolly, Griffiths, Nicide Goals: Ropati (3), Lyon 2. Sheffield: Tries: Fameli (2), Carr, Jack. Goals: Aston (2), Alt. 7,002.

48 HULL KR Tries: Parapa (2), Lucas, Farrer, Math. Edwards, Bell. Gosts: Botica KR: Tries: Sodje, Huschinson, P Gosts; M Fletcher (3). Alt. 11,170.



World funds

for league

THE Premier League could be set to receive at least £30

million if negotiations to sell

television rights worldwide are

concluded this week. Rick

Parry, the Premier League's

chief executive, is close to

concluding a four-year deal

that would mean over

£300,000 each in phased pay-

The deal, if completed, will

be presented to representatives

of six Premier League clubs on

Thursday for initial examina-

tion before it is ratified by the

entire membership. Parry is

optimistic an agreement will

be reached, saying: "Nothing has been signed yet, but hopefully it will be concluded

this week. These things are

always fragile. But we are close

to an agreement."

ments to member clubs.

Second division Third division

Edwards crossing for his 24th try of the season and Panapa grabbing his second of the match. Offiah also scored and set up Wigan's final effort, Bell claiming the 100th touch-Hull beat Salford 42-10, while Sheffield Eagles. searching for their first win at St Helens, could only reflect

The 1993 New Year Sprint due to be held at Meadowbank Stadium on January 1 and 2 could be the first Scottish open meeting. The sprint promoter, Frank RESULTS AND A RELEASE. Hanlon, recently affiliated his

meeting to the Scottish Games Association, which is the official representative of the professional side of the sport It agreed a deal with the Scottish AAA, now the Scottish Athletics Federation nearly a year ago. The Scottish proposals were agreed by the British Federation and sent on

the International They were expected to go through on the nod more than a month ago. But the news that the move was now cleared by the IAAF president, Primo through in a dramatic fax message to the Scottish

Federation. "It's fantastic news and I'll be calling a meeting with the SGA straightaway to make sure that everything we agreed still stands," the SAF secretary Bob Greenoak, said. "Now that the New Year Srpint meeting has affiliated I see no reason why it should not be the first open meeting." The

The talks have been going on for several months, with

several companies involved,

but the deal is likely to be

Tennis: Mark Woodforde and

Todd Woodbridge, the world No. 1 combination, beat An-

ders Jarryd and John Frizger-

ald in five sets to win the world

doubles tennis title in Johan-

The Australian pair over-

came a stirring comeback by

the defending champions to

win 6-2, 7-6, 5-7, 3-6, 6-3 in

☐ Great Britain, represented

by Clare Wood and Jo Durie, reached the final of the Euro-

pean women's team champi-

onships in Prague after injury

forced Belgium to retire in the

☐ Yorkshire men and Lanca-

deciding doubles rubber.

four hours and five minutes.

concluded with one.

nesburg yesterday.

Doubles victory

Sprint draw was scheduled to be made in Edinburgh on Wednesday but may be postponed to allow late entries from amateurs.

If an amateur did win the famous 124-year-old Sprint Handicap - the first rpize this time is £4000 — he or she would not be allowed to pocket the money. The cash would go into a trust fund.

Similar rules have existed in Australia for nearly a decade. Scottish amateurs runners have even gone to Australia to compete in the Stawell Gift Easter Handicap, the equivalent of the Scottish New Year Sprint, without any The Scottish Athletics Fed-

eration are confident that the new rules, agreed in conjunction with the Scottish Games Association, which controls many of the summer's socalled professional Highland Games meetings, will help the sport at a difficult time. Frank Hanlon, the Sprint

promoter, is delighted to cooperate: "I was amazed to discover that the New Year meeting had never affiliated." he said. "I see no problem fitting in with the new rules and what a boost it would be if we could attract the top amateurs, such as Elliot Bunney or even Linford Christie." ☐ Bolbec, France Ezequiel Canario, of Portugal, and Lydia Cheromei, of Kenya,

were the winners in the first

IAAF cross-country challenge

races of the season here

SPORT IN BRIEF

only unbeaten teams after the

second day of the LTA winter

indoor county tennis champi-onships at Telford. Yorkshire

whitewashed Durham and

Cleveland, while Lancashire

England reprieved

Basketball: Four countries are

to receive a second chance to

play in next year's European

men's championship in

Germany. Twelve have al-

ready made the finals but with

the emergence of countries

like Croatia and Lithuania.

the international federation is

to hold a qualifying tourna-

ment from May 30 to June 6

The event will give another

chance to teams who finished

third in the recent semi-finals

groups, including England.

The preliminary rounds will be in Berlin and Karlsruhe

shire women emerged as the from June 23 to 29, with the

to find four more teams.

beat Essex 6-3.

yesterday.

SWIMMING

Harris knocks more time off his backstroke record

By Craig Lord

HARRIS proved his British record to 55.21sec in the 100 metres backstroke at the Speedo grand prix at Gloucester

Racing in the green colours of his new club, Waltham Forest Gators, Harris's stroke was not as refined as it has been, and the three turns of the four-length race also left room for further improvement. But the time at the finish was 0.14sec faster than his record, set a year ago to the day in Montreal.

It confirmed that the man who leads off Britain's medley relay team intends to maintain his reputation for continued improvement he has established during the past

Harris's cruder handling of the water owes much to a heavier training programme than he was used to at his old club, Barnet Copthall. That all augurs well, for, when rested for the Optrex national championships in 12 days time, Harris will surely threaten the

54sec mark he so wants to Much like his training partner, Jaime Fleet, who was third last night and second in the 200 metres backstroke on Saturday, Harris made good progress in the winter last year, but faded away in the summer. Harris believes a tougher work regime under Mark Taylor, the coach at

Waltham Forest, will help him peak at the European champi-onships at Sheffield in August. Mark Foster, Harris's old Barnet training partner and recently winner of a world sprint title, comfortably claimed four races here to lead both the sprint freestyle and

butterfly categories after two rounds of the grand prix.

cal Life Open was treated to the style of another world-class performer in Luca Sacchi, the Italian winner of the World Cup and record-holder at 400 metres medley. In Britain to study English, Sacchi took on Grant Robins

The crowd at the Ecclesiasti-

in the 200 metres medley and found the going tough as the Englishman set a fast early pace. But experience won the day, by 0.1 sec, for the Italian Britain's tradition of pro-

ducing strong breaststroke swimmers looks safe in the hands of Jaime King, Lyndsey Rogers and Karen Rake Rake's 100 metres time of 1min 10.62sec on Saturday was impressive, as were the efforts of King, the winner, and Rogers in the 200 metres last night.

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YACHTING

Solo global race ends for Peyron

Les Sables-D'Olonne, France Loick Peyron, who pulled out of the ill-fated Vendée Globe solo round-the-world race yesterday, wondered whether vachtsmen were not being used as guinea pigs by boat

"Perhaps the new materials they are using for boats are not as resistant as they

finals in Munich.

Snow too strong

Real tennis: Julian Snow, of

Britain, underlined his domi-

nance with an emphatic vic-

tory over Chris Bray, the

Petworth professional, to take

the George Wimpey British Open championship in

straight sets at the Queen's

Club. Snow won the French

Open last month and is un-

Boxing: Riddick Bowe may defend his world heavyweight

title for the first time during

the half-time of the Super

Bowi American football final,

Rock Newman, Bowe's man-

Newman said talks with

George Foreman and Lennox

Lewis had reached an

ager. said on Saturday.

beaten since January.

Super Bowe

believe," he said. "In any case, we are excellent guinea pigs for other yachtsmen's sec-He said the two-metre-long

crack, which appeared in the hull of his boat. Fujicolor, after four days at sea, would take three months to repair. Peyron, runner-up in the 1989-90 race, was one of the

Champions undone

Volleyball: Whitburn's Team

Components Bureau gave

Glasgow Powerhouse, the

Scottish women's champions,

their first domestic defeat for

more than a year at the week-

end. In a rearranged Royal

Bank Scottish League match

in Glasgow, Components Bu-reau defeated the champions

15-10, 15-9, 3-15, 15-11. The

Whitburn side are unbeaten.

Snooker: Neil Mosley, 23. of

England, became the world

amateur snooker champion by

beating Leonardo Andam, of the Philippines, 11-2.

Athletics: Lynn Jennings,

three-time world cross-country

champion, won the United

States women's title for the

Mosley reigns

Jennings again

sixth consecutive time.

half the fleet of 14 to turn back for repairs within two days of the start and the British yachtsman, Nigel Burgess, drowned when he was swept overboard.

Ten boats were still on course for their non-stop circumference of globe (AFP)

ICE HOCKEY.

Whitley to face Cardiff

By Norman de Mesquita

WHITLEY Warriors will next week

Predictably, carrying an eight-goal lead into the second leg of their semi-final, the Warriors emerged aggregate winners over the Wasps, but less predictably, they beat their local rivals for the third time in

The Wasps started at top page, surprised the Warriors, and scored first through Paul

minute, but Simon Leach ensured that the scores were level at the end of the first period and Claude Dumas scored the only goal of the second period to give the Warriors a 2-1 lead.

David Longstaff and Scott Morrison stretched that lead 10.4-I by midway through the final period and, although the Wasps scored two late goals. Longstail's second, the best goal of the game, ensured a 5-3 win on the day and an 18-8 aggregate margin in the tie

Kevin Dean was outstand ing in the Whitley goal, but his opposite number, Stephen Foster, was just as good, and it was hardly his fault that the Wasps were beaten yet again

after routing Durham

Durham Wasps... Whitley Warriors

meet Cardiff Devils in the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup to be staged at Sheffield Arena at the end of

a fortnight.

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Calculating Eubank staying out for the count

pinions varied. Chris Eubank was unable to win inside the distance for one of three possible reasons: a) anguish after the near death of Michael Watson from a fight with him had robbed Eubank of his ability to finish off an opponent; b) ten championship fights in the past two years have robbed him of the necessary mental and physical edge; c) Eubank is a canny customer who specialises in doing just enough, keeping out of trou-ble and then taking the money.

You pays your money and you takes your choice the point is the paying of the money. Eubank is very clear about that. "I'm a businessman first, a boxer second," he said offermed. ond," he said afterwards.

On Saturday night, Eubank outboxed some chap from Paraguay called Juan Carlos Gimenez for a bauble called the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight champion-ship of the world. I am not really sure what a super-middleweight is, few people know what a WBO title is, and how the WBO differs from all the other boxing bodies. each one of which is the sole and undisputed governing authority of world boxing.

How can any being a world champion. wonder. It take must doing. some And knows what a title like WBO super-middle-

pion actually means. What is its significance in relation to being, say, the WBA hyper-cruiserweight world champion? But in truth, nobody really cares what it means, certainly not Eubank. What matters is what such a title is worth. It was worth £200,000 to Eubank on Saturday, by all accounts.

Where is the sport in all this, the joy, the glory? The answer is simple there isn't any. For the point, as Eubank has realised, is that boxing is not a sport at all. It is a highly remunerative form of

The worst sin is to believe in it, all the mythology of glory and manhood and the sweet science. Eubank rejects every atom of this piffle. Boxing is, and has always been, a form of human cocklighting. Eubank believes it is time the cocks had a say. He is, after all, as cocksure as a man can be.

Boxing attracts the public because it is about destruction and disfigurement. There are several sports to which death is no stranger. In boxing, death is never an accident, always the result of a deliberate blow. Death always has a large fan club one that is prepared to pay hugely for its pleasures. Public executions used to pack 'em in as well, but no longer. Boxing has somehow survived. Against all the odds, not to mention the logic, it has sustained the illusion that it is a sport.

The odd thing about Eubank is that he is under no such illusion himself. It used to be the case that boxing promoters exploited box-ers and milked the public by talking up the spectacle grudge matches, fights for glory, fights to unify the title and all that. Eubank has turned it all upside down. He doing the exploiting. The public regularly throws money at Eubanic these are just about the only occasions when Eubank does

So roll on the next sacrifical victim from Latin America, and roll in the lolly. Plenty of boxing writers criticise Eubank for this: he ducks "proper" fights, he is never found living up against an opponent that might beat him.

If Eubank were, say, Linford Christie, or Nigel Mansell, or Nick Faldo — that is, a professional sportsman — I would go along with such a criticism. But Eubank knows that he is a professional duellist. He sees that boxing is well-rewarded but dangerous nastiness. You don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to work that out. What is exceptional about Eubank is that he is a boxer capable not only of understanding

the situation, but also of ex-The public regularly ploiting it. What is still throws money at Eubank; odder is that Eubank makes these are just about the no bones about it. "I'm not only occasions when looking for glo-Eubank does not duck ry," he says.
"I'm not look-

> I'm not looking for the hall of fame. I'm looking for money. I'm looking for readies. My ultimate aim in boxing is to improve my standard of living."

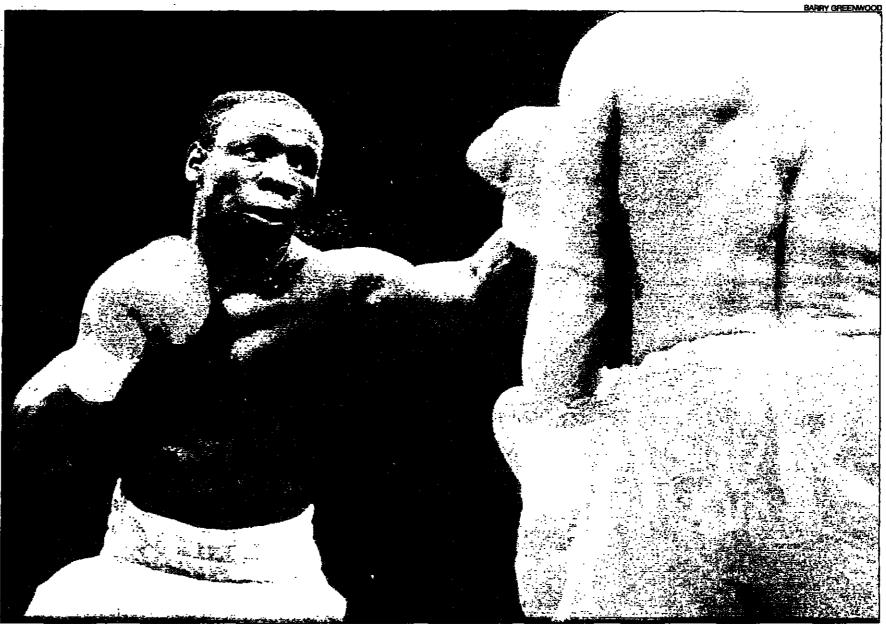
His voice is one of the most unusual things about him: quiet, rather cultured, with a hint of a lisp. So who are you going to take on next, Chris? "Anyone I can beat." He is immune to all the sharp questions from sports writers. They ask about sport; he answers about money. If he were a promoter, it would be obscene: since he is a boxer, there is something rather impressive

He is an intriguing contradicition. The quiet voice. The lack of the boastfulness you expect from a boxer. "I'm the greatest fighter on this planet." Mike Tyson was wont to roar in his pomp, knowing that the hangerson would instantly fill their air with whoops.

Eubank seeks no such syco-

phancy. "The reason I'm a great pugilist is I know who I can beat. No one understands my limitations like I do." That was the extent of Eubank's hyperbole.

He is a singular man in his press conferences: in the ring he is pure kitsch. His act is as cheap as they come. At the end of every round he inflates his body-builder's chest, pulls a silly Joe Cool sort of face, and walks back



Boxing clever: Eubank leads with his left on his way to victory over Giménez at the G-Mex Centre in Manchester on Saturday night

to his corner swinging his shoul-ders. His boxing style is man-nered and designed to attract attention: freezing like a statue in some pose that happens to catch his fancy, snapping out of the pose for a quick thump and a little skip out of danger. Is the act for selfgratification, or is it coldly adopted to please the public he exploits? "Any boxer who says he loves

boxing is either a liar or a fool," Eubank pronounced. "Boxing is about money, and it's hard and "Losing a fight is not like losing at football, or at chess. I am petrified of losing I don't want to be ... humiliated. Challenge? The

challenge is always finance."

He even, rather artlessly, outlined the priorities of his life. They are: 1) God; 2) health; 3) money, and 4) "wife and kids". Glory nowhere. Fame nowhere. Records nowhere. Adulation nowhere. Drinking and whoring nowhere. All other traditional kinds of selfdestruction nowhere. "My plea-sure is being into my mind."

Eubank has one big effort left in him

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

WHEREVER the recession might be, it is certainly not in Chris Eubank's world - yet. Around 8,000 people turned up to see the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion de-fend his title against Juan Carlos Giménez at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester, on Saturday. Which means they paid around

It is thought that £150,000 of that went into Eubank's pocket. Not bad for 12 rounds of boxing which amounted to no more than a strenuous gym workout. With ITV's money still to come there should be a little left over for the promoter, Barry Hearn.

True, a large section of the crowd came to support Steve Foster but Eubank was the attraction. To the strains of "Simply The Best", the crowd cheered

him into the ring and back into the dressing-room at the end. "Chris! Chris!" they screamed as he Schwarzeneggered his physique round the ring, before the bout, after the bout and during the bout. It was hard to believe that the same swaggering behaviour had been booed five months ago in Portugal. Their reception was quite magnificent, Hearn said. We all have our opinions on boxing but here we have a sport-

ing phenomenon." Eubank's next appearance will be at Olympia on February 20. A crowd of 11,000 is expected, which means around £350,000 gate money and another £150,000 or so for Eubank. "I'm a businessman first and boxer second," he said. "It's not about glory, it's about money, hard and nasty."

He has not yet decided on his

next opponent. "I'll fight anyone I can beat," Eubank said. "A list will be put in front of me in a few days." Like the opponent on Saturday. Giménez, of Paraguay, it will be another "good to his mum, comes to fight, easy to hit" type. "I give value for money." Eubank told ITV. "I pick the best opponents." His next defence could be against Lindell Holmes. who was stopped by Herol Gra-ham in five rounds in 1984.

This was his sixth world title bout in 14 months. Eubank has another six months in which to defences before facing the mandatory challenger.

There is little danger of the champion straining himself against opponents like Giménez. Eubank worked for no more than a minute of each round, making

the Paraguayan do all the work walking onto his jabs. It was in my notes for every round. Since Eubank did just enough each round to stay in front of an opponent who was no more than a journeyman, the champion did not look world class. Which is a pity, because even though he could be the best middleweight in the world he will only be rememhered as best in Britain.

The two houts against Nigel Benn and Michael Watson and subsequent contests with Sugar Boy Malinga and Tony Thornton seemed to have taken much of the fight out of him. He seems too easy to hit and his only defence is to run

Eubank has just one big effort left in him, be it for a third world title at light-heavyweight or a second encounter with Benn.

CYCLO-CROSS

Kluge adds touch of true class

MIKE Kluge, the world professional champion from Germany, finished yesterday's international eight-mile race around the ups and downs of the Southampton sports centre happier than he has been for the past month (Peter Bryan writes).

Kluge free-wheeled across the finish line, unrecognisable behind a coating of mud, to his first victory of a season that has not been kind to him. He has been left weak by a broken left shoulder, from which the surgical plates were only recently removed, and then a stomach upset. He was not too weak to hold off an attacking Steve Douce, the 1990 British champion, who desperately wanted his first win over the German.

The pair dominated the race after Barrie Clarke found the running stretches too difficult during the fourth of the six laps. Kluge, meanwhile, let Douce make the pace in the closing miles, while he plotted his tactics. "I knew that I only had the strength to try for one attempt," he said, "and I was lucky to open up a gap on the final circuit."

The event never lived up to its "international" billing. The teams from Holland, France and Belgium did not appear. Kluge's performance, though, went some way to make

☐ In the junior Nations' Cup race, Roger Hammond, the world junior champion, led Britain home as they dominated the leading places.

RESULT: International race (eight miss):

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(Sarocer), at 10se; 3. B Carke (Felioph),
at 55 Junior National Cup (seven miles): 1.

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Duckworth (GB B), at 1 min 08se; 3. M Guy
(GB A), at 227

CRICKET: INDIAN SPINNER'S PERFORMANCE SETS UP AN ABSORBING FINAL DAY TO JOHANNESBURG TEST

A change of ends sees wickets tumble to Kumble

FROM RICHARD STREETON

AN EXCEPTIONAL display of skill and stamina by Anil Kumble, the Indian spinner. restricted South Africa's efforts to take control of the second Test match here yesterday. Kumble finished with six for 53 from 44 overs in strengthsapping heat to ensure an absorbing final day today.

South Africa were dismissed for 252 to leave India 318 to win on a pitch that has lost its pace but on which the ball has started to keep low. India were 15 without loss at the close after five torrid overs from Donald and McMillan. A 26,000 crowd sat enthralled to

Kumble, tall, bespectacled and playing in his fourth Test, was hardly guilty of a loose

Brisbane: Keith Arthurton hit

an unbeaten 157, his maiden

Test century and the highest Test score by a West Indian at

Brisbane, to give his side the edge in the first Test match

against Australia here

Arthurton, who survived a

strong appeal for a catch behind on 78, lifted West

Indies to 371 all out and a

first-innings lead of 78 on the third day. The Australia open-

ers, Boon and Taylor, survived an 11-over bombardment to

see Australia to 21 without loss

Arthurton, in his seventh Test, denied the Australian attack for seven hours 45

minutes, hitting 16 fours and one six, to overshadow a fine

bowling performance by the

fast bowler, Bruce Reid, who

After Carl Hooper fell to

at the close.

took five for 112.

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with a mixture of top spin. googlies and just the occasional leg break. India shuffled their seamers opposite him and South Africa, who had gained a first-innings lead of 65, were kept pegged down. For a time, Kumble seemed

to be bowling at the wrong end. Just before lunch he switched ends to take advantage of the rough created by Kapil Dev and McMillan in their follow-throughs. After the change. Kumble took five for 34 in 27 overs and constantly bemused all the batsmen.

It was magnificent Test cricket as the advantage ebbed and flowed between the two sides, who both had cause to regret the excessive caution they showed from mid-after-

run partnership, Arthurton

lost several partners in quick succession, but he shared a

useful last-wicket partnership

of 40 with Courtney Walsh.
"He didn't look like he was

going to get out. He was very patient." Reid said of

Arthurton's innings. The pre-vious highest West Indian

Test score at the ground was 140 by Viv Richards in 1979-

Arthurton, who comes from

Nevis, said that the former West Indies captain, Sir Gar-field Sobers, had taught him

to be patient and restrict

certain shots when the team needed runs. "Once you have a lot of patience, I think in the end you'll get what you want."

Arthurton said.

Arthurton had shared a

fourth-wicket stand of 112 on

Saturday with Brian Lara,

Tendulkar made certain that India stayed in the match, Azharuddin set defensive fields. Cook and Hudson made little attempt to score as quickly as they should have

terday morning, with the Indian quick bowlers starting with It was one of those occasions when the nightwatchman, Richardson, might have served his side better if he had

The pattern continued ves-

Richardson lingered 40 overs for 50, his side falling behind the clock. When South Africa later tried to accelerate,

they lost wickets. In the morning, South Africa added 74 for the loss of Hudson and Wessels. Hudson drove over a leg break from

whose innings of 58 came to a

controversial end. He was

given out. stumped by the wicketkeeper, Healy, off Mat-thews. Clearly upset, Lara lingered at the wicket after the

umpire, Terry Prue, had made

his decision. The television replay suggested Healy had

dropped the ball and removed

the bails with his glove.

Healy said he had no real idea what had happened, adding that, from what he had

been told about the television

video, the ball had dropped

loose from his gloves and

rolled to ground. (Agencies) AUSTRALA: First innings M A Taytor o Williams b Bishop D C Boon o Symnons b Hooper S R Waugh o Williams b Ambrose

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G R J Mathewa c Antwaton b Beinop
II A Healy c Lara b Hooper
M G Hughes c Bishop b Hooper
C J McDermot c Hooper b Paterson
B A Reid not out

to

rolled

Patience pays dividend for Arthurton

runner between the wickets, was beaten by a direct hit from Sharma, a substitute, at extra cover. Mitchley, the umpire, requested confirmation from the replay cameras but Wessels knew the worst and walked long before the green lightbulb was lit.

ends. Wessels, who is a poor

17 in the afternoon as South Africa fell between two stools. Richardson played on, trying to cut; Rhodes charged the spinner unsuccessfully; and Kirsten swung across the line. Cook and Kirsten's Test futures must be in doubt.

Kumble claimed three for

Kumble went on to claim McMillan, who clipped a ball off his legs to mid-wicket before he bowled Cronje. With a declaration imminent, Matthews lifted a catch to long-on. ☐ Nelson Mandela, the presi-

Total 293
FALL OF WICKETS, 1-8, 2-21, 3-89, 4-125, 5-180, 6-252, 7-264, 8-285, 9-288

Entras (nb 1)

dent of the African National Congress (ANC), was among the 21,000 crowd on Saturday. Steve Tshwete, the ANC spokesman on sport, and Dr Ali Bacher, the united South African board's managing director, have welcomed the announcement that Viv Richards has agreed to visit South Africa with Glamorgan on a pre-season tour in late March and early April.

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-27, 2-27, 3-44, 4-77, 5-124, 6-127, 7-155, 8-174, 9-212 BOWLING Donald 31-9-78-3, McMillan 29-11-74-4, Matthews 29-13-41-2, Cronje 17-10-22-1, Kirsten 2-0-8-0

Umpres S Bucknor (WI) and C Mitchley (SA)

Century by Mahanama gives Sri Lanka edge

Colombo: The opener, Roshan Mahanama, struck his maiden Test century to put Sri Lanka in charge on the third day of the first Test match against New Zealand at Moratuwa near here yesterday.

Today is a rest day.

Mahanama made the most of two missed chances to hit a classy 153, lifting Sri Lanka to 299 for four at the close in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 288. Driving fluently off his legs and square

ently off his legs and square cutting crisply, Mahanama hit 18 fours during an innings in which he faced 297 balls in six hours. (Agencies)

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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-27, 2-164, 3-297, 4 BOWLING, St/a 21-6-50-2, Owens 14-2-48-0, Nash 16-2-62-1, Vaughan 14-0-56-0; Harrs 15-5-64-0, Jones 1-0-3-0, Crowe 2-0-10-0. Umpires K Y Frances and T M Samarasinche

supports Asian bid

Zimbabwe

Delhi: India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have received a timely boost for their attempt to iointly stage the 1995 World Cup. Zimbabwe, a full member, and four African associate members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) pledged their support for the subcontinent's bid at a meeting here on Saturday.

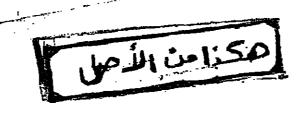
The deadline for the sub-

mission of bids is Wednesday. England, who last hosted the World Cup in 1983, are also bidding. The ICC will choose the hosts on January 26.
Jagmohan Dalmiya, the

convenor of the joint bid committee, said the subcontinent had received welcome "momentum" from four associate countries, Kenya, East and Central Africa, West Africa and Namibia.

The ICC has nine full members - England, Australia, West Indies, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe - who have two votes each. Nineteen associate members have one vote each. "In case we get the champ-ionship, tentatively, it was agreed upon that Pakistan will host the final while the two semi-finals will be played in India," Dalmiya said. India and Pakistan were joint hosts in 1987, when India hosted one semi-final and the final.

Northam, Australia: Pakistan won the opening match of their Australian tour. against a West Australian Invitation XI, by one run yesterday. For the touring team. Inzamam-ul-Haq scored 36 and Salim Malik took three wickets for 37. SCORES: Pakistonis 167 (44.1 overs). West Australian Invitation XI 166 for 6 (45 overs). Polestants won by one up.



Smash-and-grab tactic pays off for happy Spurs

Tottenham Hotspur...... 1

BY PETER BALL

THE days when the big North-West clubs looked forward to the arrival of Totten-Hotspur with undisclosed glee may be coming rapidly to an end. On Saturday the London side strode unrufiled through bandit country for the third time in a month, bringing an abrupt halt to Manchester City's run of four successive

The victory extended Tot-tenham's own undefeated run to eight matches. So far that is not being reflected in their League position, but the most significant statistic was that it was their fifth consecutive game without conceding a

At that rate the days when the late Bill Shankly used to greet them as "The Drury Lane Boys" will be laid to rest along with the glorious foot-ball of Blanchflower and White, or Hoddle and Ardiles. With the familiar cockerel crest, they may still look like Arsenal, defending in depth and counter attacking quickly. City were the victims for a second time, Tottenham re-

peating their 1-0 win in the Coca-Cola cuptie. This time their victory had its moments of fortune, most notably the goal, the unlucky Phelan inadvertently turning Watson's pull-back into his own net as he came back to cut off. Watson, 18, had made his

luck with his long run to meet Nayim's splendid cross, but he revealed his innocence by eschewing the invitation to claim the goal for a notable double, having scored against Brentford after coming on as substitute in his only previous first-team game. "I don't really score many goals, and to be honest I wasn't going for goal. he said.

That was little consolation for Phelan. "They've got away with a smash-and-grab job. just like in the cup match," he complained.

Just as at Blackburn two weeks earlier, it was too much for the home side. This time, with Durie and Allen both missing, Spurs' counters were less incisive but City rarely beating unavailingly against a a resilient defence led by Mabbutt and strengthened by the employment of a sweeper in front of the two central defenders. Not even the departure of

Howells after half an hour undermined Tottenham's certainty, although City's best chances came either side of his exit. Thorstvedt, now fully restored to form, saved breathtakingly from White and safely from Quinn, and Sheron saw the best chance run away from him.

The storm died as quickly as it blew up, and Tottenham held out solidly before a free kick in their own penalty area began the break for Phelan's error. All that, and United laying in wait for City next weekend. "I don't know about needing to show some improvement next week," Peter Reid said, pointedly. "I'll be looking for some improvement from the ones in my fivea-side team on Monday."

MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton: D Brightwell, T Phelen, S McMahrun, K Curle, A Hell, D White, M. Shevan, N Cultin, F Simpson (sub. G Fitcroft), R Holden. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt, I Edinburgh, D Austin, V Samways, G Mabburt, N Ruddock, D Howells (aut.); J Cundy, N Bermby (sub. P Moran), Neyim, E Shefingham, K Watson.



that hard work is in an acceptable substitute for skill. Beforehand, few would have disagreed that this was likely to be a game for the more discerning supporter, surely, two of the Premier League's more accomplished sides, would not disappoint

By Peter Ball

THE John Barnes show is

back on the road and suddenly

Liverpool are making their presence felt. In their last

championship season, 1989-

90, they welcomed Crystal

Sadly, scripts are only rare-ly adhered to on this side of the looking-glass and had Blackburn not underlined a marginal supremacy with the game's solitary goal, the afternoon would have been totally worthless instead of merely tedious.

sible partner or successor. Sadly, neither was able to embellish his reputation. Brushes with uncompromising defenders saw to that.

Hendry, a proficient if often over-zealous centre back, chose to ruffle Ferdinand's plumage with a thunderous challenge. The tackie left Ferdinand either carrying an mjury or aware of his sense of self-preservation, for thereafter, to use the parlance of the terraces, he did not want to know.

Shearer fared slightly better, recovering from a simi-larly bone-jarring collision with Peacock to score the decisive goal, his first in six league games, with a neat, glancing header in the seven-

However, his withdrawal because of injury shortly after the interval further impoverished an already shoddy game and ended any lingering prospect of an increase in the level of enterrainment. Even more baffling than

the inability of players like Wilkins, Cowans and Sinton to pass a ball in a straight line was the maverick performance of the referee, Keith Hackett, who seemed to be intent on discovering precisely what would transpire were he to redefine the laws of the game and permit unsavoury lunges and challenges.

move towards the exits, it was announced that Hendry had been named as the sponsor's man of the match.



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Shearer rises briefly from the gloom

Blackburn Rovers 1 Queens Park Rangers .. 0 By IAN ROSS

THERE are few more unpalatable sights in football than players of ability labouring under the misapprehension

This was a fixture which should have lent itself to both observation and comparison: in Blackburn's Shearer, we had an England forward and. Rangers' Ferdinand, a

Barnes quickly makes presence tell at Liverpool

Presumably, the award was for his tackle on Rerdinand for, unpleasant though it may have been, it was arguably the afternoon's most telling and significant

r Wester).

CUEENS PARK RANGERS: J Steisles Bardetey, C Wilson, R William, D Peacol A McDonald, A Impey, I Holloway, Ferdinand, D Balley (auto. G Pennce), Sinton.

Cantona may be wrong man to solve United mystery

Manchester United.....1

By Russell Kempson

GOALS remain a mystery to Manchester United. Eighteen in 17 Premier League matches is not the stuff of title pretenders: the crown will go elsewhere again: watch the Old Trafford dream crumble. At Highbury on Saturday.

United offered enough substance to suggest a serious championship challenge. Youth and vitality from Giggs, craft and graft from Hughes, fight and bite from Ince. Robson, the captain, creaks more with every injury - he

collected thigh and knee knocks - and his legs cannot propel him into the areas others cannot reach in the style of old. Yet he picks up the pieces, tackles with typical disregard for self-preservation and inspires by simply being

"He is able to shape the players around him." Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "So much depends on many times have I said that?" Robson, approaching 36, is

an integral part of any Ferguson strategy, when available, but his influence loses its value when chances are squandered with such frustrating Lack of goals, not Robson's

physical well-being, threatens to undermine United's search for the Holy Grail. It is 25 years since they won the league and the obsession has become a millstone. Ferguson took his spending to over E19 million in six years

at Old Trafford when he spirited Eric Cantona away from Leeds United for £1.2 million in midweek. It was a Cantona's ability is not in question. He will charm the supporters, dazzle defenders

and score the occasional spectacular solo effort to silence his critics. Eric the entertainer will prove a popular purchase. What happens, though, when he falls out of favour; at

26, he is already on his eighth club. Who knows what lurks in the mind of the enigmatic

keep him productive and pacified over a three-and-ahalf year contract? Cantona sat it out at

Highbury — he will make his debut against Benfica in Lisbon tomorrow - and watched United win with ease. Hughes bundled the ball over the line in the 27th minute after Giggs had struck a post and Sharpe's follow-up cross had deflected off both Dixon and crossbar. Arsenal have lost their way

since topping the table briefly three weeks ago and, apart from a fierce snap shot from Merson and a glaring miss by Wright, provided poor McClair, Giggs, Sharpe,

Pallister and Robson all wasted good openings for United. heaping extra weight on the shoulders of Cantona. Yet what United need is a finisher not a teaser.

ARSENAL: D Seamen; L Dixon, S Morrow, D Hiller, S Bould, A Adams, J Jensen (sub: R Parlour), (Whight, K Campbell, P Merson, A Limper (sub: M Fletts). MANCHESTER UNITED: P Schmeichel; P Parker, D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, B Robson, P Irice, B McClair, M Hughes, A Giggs.

Referee: H King

Palace to the top flight by beating them 9-0 at Anfield; on Saturday, they showed the retaining that status is going to be by beating them 5-0. With Barnes taking the

starring role, making three of the goals, it was tempting to suggest it was the old Liverpool at last, but the names of McManaman, Marsh and Hutchison among the scorers reveals that Souness's revolution is beginning to bear fruit. It may be too early to proclaim

renewed championship challenge on Merseyside, but the result puts Liverpool in eighth place, within striking distance of the leaders.

By contrast, it confirmed that Palace are facing a long, hard winter, unlikely to be eased if yesterday's rumours linking their manager Steve Coppell with Sunderland As if that wasn't enough, Palace return to Anfield in the Coca-Cola Cup tomorrow.

Elsewhere, it was a weekend of decisive last-minute penalties. If you were putting your life on somebody to score one for you. Stuart Pearce would be high on the list, but the Nottingham Forest captain is reflecting his team's uncertainty and his uncharacteristi-

cally tentative shot con-demned his side to defeat, Flowers saving at full stretch to earn Southampton a rare win away from home with goals from Le Tissier and Adams.

The result leaves Forest bottom, one point behind Palace, and beginning to lose touch with the teams above further point ahead thanks to Vinny Jones, who scored their last-minute equaliser against Sheffield Wednesday from the spot after Sheridan appeared to handle on the line. Sheridan claimed it had hit his face: the referee, Roger Milford, said he did not know which Wednesday player had handled or he would have sent him off.

dan could console himself with a score draw; Jones made his own comment, an obscene gesture giving one photogra-pher a lucrative weekend. His contrition after his record £20,000 fine does not seem

In the circumstances, Sheri-

long-lasting.
With their home form so abysmal, a slump away from danger for Everton, who lost 1-0 at Ipswich Town, but Howard Kendall, with the confidence of somebody who has seen it all before, was unmoved. "Never mind relegation; we're not far off being a championship-winning team," Kendall said.

Oldham Athletic's ups and downs come more quickly and after going behind early on

came back in style to win 4-1, with the first two goals coming from their full backs, Halle and Pointon, to illustrate Joe Royle's continuing commitment to playing the game with elan. A side with their facility for scoring goals is likely to come out on the right side in the end.

tween Everton and Oldham after another 1-1 draw, a steamy affair with Coventry City of five bookings, the dismissal of Bradshaw for a nasty lunge at Ndlovu and Bobby Gould's hasty intervention as peace-maker as Dave Bassett harangued the referee. Phillip Don. "It was a private conversation," the unruffled

Weekend statistics First division ALAN SHEARER finally anded his recent goal familine with a goal against OPR and took his tally for the season to 17. Another sending off for Cambridge tales then to 47 offences, while in the teir play table Coventry are the only club still in single figures. (1) 3 BURRY 4,348 CARDIFF CLYPEBANK (0) 0 MEADWBANK (0) 0 5,851 (1) 1 DOFFORD UTTO (0) 0 8,017 NOTTS CO 9.065 (0) 0 Blackburn 100 O (**0**η 0 772 2 51 MBFREN 3.074 (1) 1 STIRLING 3.526 (2) 3 RATH Datziel 14, 56 Browster 52 Hotherston 73 (0) 1 EVERTON ASDA SA 15.665
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Slough

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By Sydney Friskin

FROM an exciting game of changing fortunes. Slough emerged victors over Havant

on penalty strokes to reach the fifth round of the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup yesterday. Four minutes before the end

Slough seemed on the way to victory with a 3-1 lead, but a tactical ploy failed. Barber

was brought on as a substitute

to bolster the defence, which was torn apart by Havant, who levelled the score.

Havant themselves made a

excellent start by snatching the

lead within 40 seconds. How-ever, Slough tightened their

defence and restored their

fortunes with strong running

for Havant from a lightning

raid initiated by Cooper. Hav-

ant then continued to torment and Williams was twice pre-

vented from scoring by Lea-Elmes in goal. Gaining momentum, Slough equalised in the 32nd minute with

Laxon running in to score

from Banton's pass.

Havant regained the initiative in the second half, but failed to capitalise. Giles

missed from a short corner

and Williams was deprived by

In a brief spell of Slough's

ascendancy Maskery missed twice and had a shot saved by Rowlands. A short corner to Slough in the 54th minute led

to a penalty stroke, which

Slough's position was con-

solidated in the 59th minute

when Banton scored after

Organ had made the running.

Havant retaliated with Garcia

converting a short corner and

David Roberts gaining an

In the penalty-stroke shoot-

out Lea-Elmes saved from Faulkner and Cooper, but the

drama was by no means over. Nicklin missed the target for

Slough and it was left to Way

to make the final conversion.

enabling Slough to win 4-3.

equaliser almost on time.

Nicklin converted.

Way who saved on the line.

by Laxon and Organ. Thrills abounded after Williams had scored the first goal

Hoddle's defence negates all the great entertaining

Swindon Town 3

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE moist and murky mist which crept in from the Fens to envelop Peterborough yesterday failed to obscure some first-class first division enter-tainment at London Road.

Crowds expect to be pleased when Swindon are in town and Glen Hoddle, Mike Hazard and company did not disappoint with some characteristically defence-splitting passes. Yet Swindon's slick passes can become stuck on muddy winter pitches.

It was defender error rather than underfoot conditions which nearly brought Hoddle's team completely unstuck yesterday. Despite fielding five at the back, with the playermanager as sweeper, the Swindon rearguard proved to

Adoock was allowed to advance and chip the ball over Hammond, the Swindon goalkeeper, after three min-utes. Peterborough should have been two up a minute later when Sterling delivered a superb cross which Adcock inexcusably headed askew. It was the Peterborough backline's turn to go AWOL in the 22nd minute, when Tay-lor scored with a free header

following good work from Cooper and Philliskirk,

the right. Fifteen minutes later, Tay-lor scored again, but at the other end. Weish's cross caused horrible confusion between Hammond and the central defender, and with the goalkeeper caught in no man's land Taylor diverted it

from Summerbee's corner on

into his net. Hazard then had a goal dubiously disallowed for offside but Swindon drew level have a soft centre when, after 58 minutes, Maskell

Gloom lifts a little over Luton Town

Luton Town

By DENNIS SIGNY

THE gloom at Kenilworth Road, with Luton Town at the bottom of the first division and Darren Salton, 20, their Scotland Under-21 international defender, in a critical condition in hospital after a road accident last Thursday. was appreciably lifted yesterday by a first home victory of the season. Two good goals in the space of three minutes ensured a win that was no more than Luton deserved.

After Luton had dominated the first half on a heavy pitch, Benjamin, embarking on a new spell with Luton. his tenth league club, steered a header wide of Suckling after 72 minutes to open the scoring. Benjamin, whose transfer fee will be decided by a tribunal, had already scored seven goals for Southend United this

Oakes added a second goal

three minutes later when he collected a pass from Gray in his own half and ran through to beat Suckling with a wellplaced shot from 20 yards.

David Pleat, the Luton manager, admitted after-wards his players had been in no fit state to play football on Friday after hearing news of Salton's condition. A postponement was discussed and, if five or six players had continued to express doubts about playing. Luton would have tried to cancel the game out of respect for Salton.

However, Pleat said that Salton's father, John, had sent a letter, which he read to the players before the game, saying: "You have got to lead your

Pleat added: "Our thoughts were with Darren and will be for some time. We needed a Win and it came right for us."

LITON TOWN: A Chamberlein; J Dreyer. J
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WATFORD: P Sucking; I Putney, J
Orysciale, K Dublin, D Holdsworth, B Ashby,
A Hessenthaler, R Willis, K Charlery, G
Porter, G Lawn (suit: D Bezzeley).
Referee: D G Frampton. registering his seventeenth goal of the season from Kerslake's centre.

It was a goal well created by Kerslake — one of the best overlapping right backs in the division - and executed in typically ruthless fashion by Maskell. contender for bargain of the season. Maskell's career looked to have ground to a standstill at Reading, but Hoddle obviously spotted something others failed to notice when he signed him for E240,000 last summer.

Taylor, Hoddle's first signing at Swindon, for £200,000 from Exeter 18 months ago, was soon once again the centre of attention. He scored his third goal of the game by heading the ball home after Hoddle chipped a free kick to the far post in the 77th

Apparently in awe of Hoddle, the Peterborough players had frequently stood off the former England international, allowing him the space to strut his stuff to best

Considering that Peterbor-ough, promoted via the play-offs last season, were in the fourth division just two years ago, such excessive respect is understandable. But they need not be so differential. Chris Turner, the Peterborough manager, has clearly done an excellent job and his team should continue to more than hold their own in mid-

They just about deserved the point they gained in the 84th minute when the hapless Hammond failed to control Hoddle's long back-pass and miskicked his dearance straight to Adcock. The for-ward chipped his fifteenth goal of the season, and eighth in five games, into an empty

It left Swindon fourth, but winter's pitches, not to mention that kamikaze defence, could deny Hoddle's great entertainers a Premier League

PETERBOROUGH UNITED: I Bennett, D Bradshaw, R Robinson, M Hatsall, L Howerth, SWelsh, W Sterling (sub: N Luke), G Cooper, A Adoock, A Philliskirk (sub: D lorfal, M Ebdon.

SWINDON TOWN: N Hammond, D Kerstake, K Horlock, G Hoddle, C Calderwood, S Taylor, M Hazzard, N Summerbee, C Maskell, M Ling, D Mitchell.



Face value: Gascoigne beats Carnevale, of AS Roma, in yesterday's 1-1 draw with Lazio, in which Gascoigne scored

Macari intends to keep fire stoked

Stoke City. Swansea City ...

By Kerth Pike

IF CONSISTENCY is the key to escaping the second division, they might as well hand Lou Macari the championship trophy now.

Victory over Swansea City at the Victoria Ground on Saturday stretched Stoke City's lead to four points and their unbeaten league run to 14 games, with nine victories and five draws since losing to Bradford City on September It is an admirable record which their promotion rivals

have been unable to match. Bradford, West Bromwich Albion, Leyton Orient and Swansea themselves have all flirted with the leadership, but unlike Macari's team has

been unable to maintain its momentum. The Stoke manager, however, knows better than most not to take anything for granted.

Last season. Stoke led the division for two months and seemed promotion certainties until failure to win any of their last three games condemned them to the play-offs and defeat by Stockport County. This time round, Macari aims to leave nothing to chance.

Stoke set about Swansea like men possessed, but 30 minutes of unrelenting pres-sure brought no reward. Freestone saved superbly from Stein and Russell, Cullen cleared Overson's header off the line, and Russell thundered a shot against the crossbar as Swansea survived a virtual siege. When Shaw finally made

pected parity and a massive boost in confidence. Stoke, their rhythm disrupted and their supporters in-creasingly agitated, in the end

the breakthrough two min-

utes into the second half,

fooling his marker with a dip of a shoulder and swivelling

to curl a delightful left-foot

shot in off the far post, the

floodgates looked likely to

open. Instead. Swansea's first

shot on target, a 30-yard

skimmer from Cullen in the

58th minute, gave them unex-

ty. The dismissal of Jenkins for a second bookable offence only rubbed salt into Swan-

Shearer's goals boost Aberdeen

had to thank an eagle-eyed linesman for victory. He spotted Agboola tugging at Shaw's shirt nine minutes from time, and Stein, the division's leading scorer, confidently converted the penalfrom Howard continue to prosper at Brisbane Road. They regained second place with a 5-1 victory over Mansfield, while the performance of the day was Rotherham United's 3-0 victory over Bradford City at Valley Parade, which lifts them to third. Of the top seven sides in the

Orient, with a hat-trick

third division only the leaders. York City, managed a victory, their 3-1 defeat of Crewe Alexandra giving them a five-point cushion over Barnet, who lost at Darlington. Gillingham returned from Lincoln City with an unexpected point to move above pected point to move above Northampton at the bottom. STOKE CITY: A Sexiaar: J Butler, L Sandiord, I Cranson, V Overson, N Gleghom, S Foley (sub: P Ware), k Russell, M Stein, G Stew, C Beeston SWANSEA CITY: A Freestone, D Lyrile, S Jenlunc, R Agboola, M Hams, J Bowen, A Cuffen, T Connor (sub: J Ford), C West Isub A McFarlane), J Comforth, A Legg. Referere: T Limi

SLOUGH: R Lee-Emes: M Nirkland, D Philips, S Cox, C Benton, P Way, S Organ, G Bembury, C Maskery, S Nicklin, J Laxon HAVANT: S Rowlends: D Faultiner: S Baker, S Lawson, D Roberts, P Neil, C Cooper, R Garca, I Pattison, C Gies, D Williams

Newcastle sail over the horizon

had a round of meetings with Premier League counterparts who might be willing to join him in establishing a European midweek league next season (Louise Taylor writes). Although such a scenario is almost certainly unworkable and highly ambitious for a team still in the first division, it does look as if United's weekends will be occupied by

Premier League commitments from August On Saturday, Kevin Keegan's side went 12 points clear at the top of the first division thanks to a 4-1 win at home to Cambridge United, David Kelly scoring a hattrick. Despite that defeat Gary Johnson is expected to be promoted from caretaker manager to the real thing by

Cambridge this week. Two goals from John

Gascoigne scores his first goal

Rome: The lure of a Roman derby was one of the factors that persuaded Paul Gascoigne to sign for Lazio and he was not to be disappointed in his first taste of a meeting with city rivals, AS Roma.

After the Roma captain. Giuseppe Giannini, had given his team the lead after 48 minutes. Lazio staged a defiant recovery that was crowned when, in the 86th minute, Gascoigne controlled the ball inside the penalty area and shot past the Roma goalkeeper. Giuseppe Zinem, to make it 1-1. It was his first goal in the Italian first division.

AC Milan's stranglehold on the Italian championship they won last season strengthened even further yesterday. Yet another victory, by a single goal away to the most likely challengers, Juventus, extended their lead at the top of the league to three points and their unbeaten league run to

45 matches. Juventus ended cursing their luck. After conceding a second-half goal to Marco Simone, they were awarded an 88th-minute penalty, but GianLuca Vialli saw his shot saved by Sebastiano Rossi, the goalkeeper. (AP)

County Merseyside's third team on course for a first season in football's top flight. Derby, however, have won only two of their eight league games at the Baseball Ground this season and the £10 million invested in players by Lionel Pickering. the club's owner, is not paying instant dividends.

Perhaps as a contingency plan. Pickering appealed to supporters to underwrite a scheme called Springboard. He asked them to pay £8.66 monthly by direct debit to help finance the club's youth policy. But if Pickering went to a restaurant for dinner would he expect to pay a supplement for refurbishing the kitchen on top of his bill?

Malcolm Allison celebrated the news that he is in charge of Bristol Rovers for at least the

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SIR John Hall, the Newcastle United chairman, recently Rovers a 2-1 win at Derby win at Leicester City. Brian Little, the Leicester manager, has been widely tipped to succeed the insecure Malcolm Crosby at Sunderland — who won 1-0 at struggling Southend United — but Steve Coppell of Crystal Palace, yesterday emerged as another name to concern Crosby.

Portsmouth, who beat Milwall 1-0 thanks to a goal from Alan McLoughlin at Fratton Park hope to make Steve Agnew's loan transfer from Blackburn Rovers permanent this week. The former Barnsley mid-

field player failed to make an impact at Ewood Park and Jim Smith, the Portsmouth manager, hopes to pay appreciably less than the £750,000 Blackburn invested in Agnew. who was renowned as one of the best passers of the ball in the old second division.

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Romanians take spoils

ROMANIA stepped up their challenge to Wales in World Cup qualifying group four vesterday when they beat Cyprus 4-1 in Larnaca. The Romanians, who dropped a point at home to Czechoslovakia a formight ago, cruised to a straightforward victory with goals from Georghe Popescu, Florin Raducioiu, Georghe Hagi and Ovidiu Hanganu.

The win has strengthened their position in second place in the group, three points behind the impressive leaders, Belgium, who have won all their five games, but three ahead of Wales. Romania beat Wales 5-1 in Bucharest in May.

Charalambos Pittas, with a penalty, scored for Cyprus, who remain fifth in the sixteam group, a point behind the Czechs and ahead of the last-placed Faeroe Islands.

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s Rangers' principal challengers when they demolished Heart of Midlothian at Pittodrie, where Duncan Shearer scored a hat-trick for the third time this season (Roddy Forsyth

The teams began the afternoon level on points in second place behind Rangers, and early in the second half they were still level, at 2-2, Irvine and Shearer having scored for Aberdeen and Baird and Hogg for Hearts. However, when Booth came

on for Bett, the pattern of the game changed decisively. Shearer scored another two goals and Mason and Booth completed a rout which was unavoidable once Hearts' McKinlay had been sent off for his second yellow card offence.

Hearts began the game with

Leading scorers

Robins 10, Phillips 6

Shearer 13, Ripley 3

Wright 10, Merson 3

Harford 8, Stuart 4

White 9, Sheron 5

Rosenthal/McManaman 5

Hughes 7

Ferdinand 5

Dozzell/Wark 5

Williams/Ndlovu 4

Hirst 6, Bright 4

Le Tissier 5, Dowie 3

Deane 5, Littlejohn 4

Holdsworth/Earle 3

Bannister 5, Clough 3

Armstrong 6

Sheringham 5, Durie 3

Chapman 9, Cantona 6

Atkinson 9, Saunders 7

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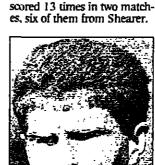
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and Rangers. Rangers were obliged to ay without Gough and McCoist against Partick Thistle at Ibrox, where they won 3-0. the goals coming in the second half.

McSwegan, McCoist's understudy, scored his first league goal for the club to complete a memorable week which also saw him score with his first touch when brought on as a substitute against Marseilles in the European champions' league.

Steven and McPherson also scored in a game which saw Thistle reduced to ten men when McWalter was sent off for a foul on McPherson, his second bookable of the game.

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Teddington lifted by

PHILLIP McGuire steered Teddington into the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup fifth round yesterday with two goals, the second from a penalty stroke, for a 2-1 win over Trojans who had taken an early lead through Scott Jennison (Sydney Friskin

McGuire

writes). Stourport also had to fight back for a 3-1 victory over Anchorians. Sherwani (two) and Knott scored in answer to the goal by Barry for Anchorians. As expected, East Grinstead and Hounslow, the holders, secured easy victories but Indian Gymkhana prevailed over Barford Tigers on penalty strokes after the scores

were tied at 1-1. On Saturday, the same teams drew 1-1 in the second division of the Pizza Express National League. Dhanraj Pillay scored for Indian Gymkhana in the twelfth minute with a brilliant run which began on the halfway line. Barford Tigers equalised in the 54th minute through

Vidhu Mayor. The first division was opened up by Firebrands' 1-0 defeat of Stourport

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Barbarians provide a worthy stage for Australia

Australia By DAVID HANDS

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NOBODY should doubt the validity of this fixture as a tour finale. Not after the quality laid before the 54,000 at Twickenham on Saturday, when the Australians closed their tour by beating the Barbarians by three goals and

three penalty goals to a goal, two tries and a penalty. If the Barbarians need to be touched by magic to overcome a leading touring team these days, as they were in 1973 against New Zealand, the absence of a wand this time should not be regretted. The match crystalised so many of the virtues, of endeavour, application, hard work, that characterised the Australians'

visit to Ireland and Wales. If the Barbarians were to shear their eccentricities, the uncapped player for instance, where Meek was so disappointed not to be awarded a try to round off his fine performance, and give it the trappings of a third international fixture, they would stand in danger of losing a fine tradition. They would deprive players, opponents and their own, of an outstand-

ing rugby occasion. Saturday lacked the intensity of an international but players queued up afterwards to talk of the sustained effort and pace, much of it by the Barbarians in deep and sometimes desperate defence. Nor was there much doubt that these tired, patched-up Australians played within themselves, switching on the

afterburners as required. Maybe one yearned for Campese, if this was his last appearance on a big occasion in England, to stamp the for Barnes to take it by the scruff of the neck. But this was an occasion for greyer prosaic virtues, for the firm control of the Australian tight forwards. for such as McCall, one of the unsung giants of the touring

"I really believed we could

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beat them," Carling, the Barbarians captain, said. "But they came back twice, straight from restarts, and that is a mark of how well organised and disciplined they are."

At least Carling and Campese, who have not always seen eye to eye, were agreed on that. "The team that has been together will always come through, because of the combinations in dethe Australia wing

In that respect, the depth of cover, on both sides, was quite outstanding, though the Auscomposed and Little's reading of the game was superb. Even so, the Barbarians showed that the defence could be beaten, by the quality of the try that gave them the lead for the second and last time, midway

The Barbarians' plan had the top drawer.

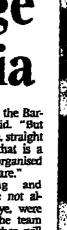
It erased that of Horan, made for him by Little's sharp burst through a flat-footed midfield, but Roebuck, who ended the tour with 111 of the 312 points scored by Australia, nudged them ahead with penalties, two before halftime, when the Australians led 13-8, and one after.

Unfortunately, Fleming was also applying the 1992 legal version which, as Campese confirmed, contributed to a number of turnovers and only phase possession, leaving the great entertainer to do his best work kicking out of tight

defence and the difference became

goes, for the Australia hooker it was not a bad exit line. SCORERS: Barbartans: Tries: Hunter, Jones, Pobyn. Conversion: Reyer: Pensity goes: Barbartans: Tries: Horan, Crowley, Reams. Conversions: Rochuck (3). Pensity goes: Pensity goes: Peobuck (3). Pensity goes: Baltan (3). Pensity goes: Peobuck (3). Pensity goes: Pensity goes: Pensity goes: Pensity (3). Pensity goes: Pensity goes: Pensity goes: Pensity (3). P

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through the first half.

always been for Barnes to take onthe defence: from Skinner's lineout ball he did so and Smith's hands were quick enough to support the break and feed Carling. Rayer pounded up to join him. offered two sweet dummies. and Hunter crashed over in the corner. Some of Hunter's other angles suggested he is coming to terms with wing play, and this was a try from

That indicates a game firmrefereed by Jim Fleming.

Instead, his forwards took over. They drove Crowley to the line and, after Probyn crossed from a tapped penalty only three points, Kearns was forced over after Coker and Crowley had done the spadework. As part-time captaincy goes, for the Australia hooker

HARLEQUINS 72 BLACKHEATH 3

Herleguins: Tries: Glenister (3), Mulins, Dear, Hammen, Thompson, Edwards, Per-ton, Russel, Challinor, Winamotiom. Cons: Thresher (6) Blackheath: Pert-Eagle.

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Newport: Pen: Westwood. Cardie: Tries: Armstrong (2), Budd, Ford, Walker, Booth, Cons: Davies (3). Pen: Davies.

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Clipping the wing: Barnes gets to grips with Campese, of Australia, while his Barbarians team-mates. Carling. No. 13, and Skinner cover all eventualities

Leicester restore order to cup scene

LEICESTER, with the example of five former cup winners consigned to the dustbin of the third round 24 hours earlier,

By DAVID HANDS

made sure of their own place in the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup at Richmond Two tries in the first six minutes of the second half neutralised London Scottish's limited game, which revolved round their weighty pack, and not much else. But Leicester, winners by two goals, a penal-

ty goal and a dropped goal to a try, a penalty goal and a dropped goal, will be furious with their own indiscipline. By the time the draw for the next round is made at Twickenham tomorrow, the Leicester team management should have read the riot act to players who were on the sharp end of

an horrendous 28-11 penalty Leicester were penalised fre-

Blackheath3

By Peter Bills

IT IS one of rugby's many

anachronisms that in these

competitive days of apparent

devotion to league and cup.

key players should put a

largely meaningless festival

Carling and Skinner, the

England internationals of

Harlequins and Blackheath

respectively, both represented

Barbarians on Saturday in

preference to appearing in this

Pilkington Cup third-round

tie yesterday. For Harlequins this was

scarcely calamitous. But for

the Courage Clubs Champ-

ionship second division dub it

was as dire as an aircraft

Skinner's unique brand of

combative inspiration is the

losing its captain.

game before the real thing.

quently for offside and Alastair McHarg, the London Scottish coach, criticised their tactics, "I am not whinging because we did not deserve to win," he said. "But Dean Richards exploited the offside law right up to its limit. Leicester could have been penalised 19 times in the first half as well as in the second

Tony Russ, Leicester's coaching director, said: There was no element of deliberate cheating with all those penalties. But the team clearly realised that there was going to be no price to pay in terms of penalty goals because Scottish weren't interested in taking the kicks."

Whatever the merits of Stuart Piercy's refereeing, many of the penalties and free kicks were entirely deserved.

They helped keep Scottish in a match which stood 6-6 at half-time but, fortunately for Leicester, their lineout ensured a base on which to re-form. I doubt if they have enjoyed a 25-7 advantage in that phase

modest outfit. Without him, they are rudderless. His deci-

sion looked increasingly mis-

enided as Hariemins, without

finding top gear, marched ruthlessly to victory on a grey

afternoon at the Stoop by six

goals and six tries to a penalty

It is 111 years since these

two esteemed clubs first

crossed swords. This was

much the biggest winning

margin Harlequins have

achieved in that time and their

success was founded almost

entirely on the crushing supe-

riority of their faster, fitter and

It was the first time this

season Harlequins have field-

ed their first-choice pack and

Blackheath suffered a predict-

able fate. Hursey and Lloyd

did earn some early lineout ball, and the backs, especially

Coyne, tackled as best they

could. Mercer made one lovely

long break down the blind

heavier forwards.

son, their young lock, can have done himself nothing but good in front of Geoff Cooke, the England team manager.
Through the gloom of a

grey afternoon (Scottish's cotenants, Richmond, had lost their cup match there on Saturday), Leicester's disciplined rucking shone like a beacon. If their backs could make little of their possession. that was partly the fault of the playing surface, chewed up the previous day, soaked with rain overnight and still swamp-like

Harris shaped a pragmatic game, kicking perceptively and linking with Bates to offer his back row a platform from which to dominate. Since Harris also laid on the second try with a precise diagonal kick to the open side, the stand-off half might be said to

have enjoyed himself. Scottish were unlucky to lose two key players: Gilchrist, the hooker, left in the first half with a groin injury and will miss the game between the Scottish exiles and Glasgow on Wednesday, and Millard,

All four first-half tries were

from forward might.

spawned and delivered entire-

Glenister dived among his

forwards' feet for the first as

Blackheath were pushed off

their ball. Mullins was driven

over for the second. Dear

finished a series of rolling mauls for the third and

Glenister got the fourth from a

the scrum half, damaged his nose early in the second half. Even so, they exchanged kick for kick with Leicester until the second half when Back, so valuable in sustaining play, acted scrum half and Underwood sent Liley skipping away

for a fine try.

The full back converted from touch, and did the same when Hackney latched on to Harris's kick, giving Leicester all the breathing space they needed. They were strong enough, too, to hold up the Scottish mastodons until, having been sent back ten metres four successive times, Scottish finally moved the ball wide and Appleson struggled over for some vague consolation.

SCORERS: London Scritish: Penal goal: Grecan. Dropped goal: Casm Lebester: These Liley, Haddiney, Convetions: Liley (2). Penalty goal: Lile Dropped goal: Hams.
LONDON SCOTTISH: M. Applicach; Grecan. F. Harrold. M. Six. L. Penwick:

Harlequins forward power is decisive

penalty goal by Eagle from 44

metres was Blackheath's sole

Blackheath lost their

highly-regarded scrum half,

Springhall, before half-time,

but the chasm in playing

standards between these dubs

had been apparent long

After half-time, forward

pressure established the posit-

ions for Harriman, Thomp-

son, Edwards, Parton, Russell,

Challingr and Winterbottom

The referee blew the final

whistle several minutes early.

Whistle several minutes early. It was a blessed relief. SCORERS: Hartequina. These Genister (3), Mulins, Dear, Hartman, Thompson, Edwards, Patton, Russell. Challinor, Writerhottom. Conversions: Thresher (6). Blackheaft: Panelly goal: Eagle. HARLECUINS: S Thresher; A Hartman, M Evars, G Thompson, A Parton, P Challinor, R Glenster, J Leonard, B Moore, A Muline, M Russell, N Edwards Ingor N Killack, S Dear, P Winlerhottom; R Langhom. BLACHEATH: G'Eagle; J Albridge, J Modrilyre, O Coyne, M Griffites; A Mencer, T Springpial (rep. L Greenwey); J Tierney, R Hove, N Courses, P Veughen, D Hursey, D Lloyd, D Walton, P Ulwin. Referee: 8 Campsol (RFL).

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Waterloo raise game as Bath drop their guard

THE rugby business can still be a wonderfully unpredictable one. As Waterloo's conquering heroes clasped one another in joyous celebration at Blundelisands on Saturday the Bath players, their egos shredded and pulped, trudged into yet another,

By CHRIS IRVINE

extraordinary meeting. With a grim-faced sergeant-at-arms figure guarding the visitors' dressingroom, item one on the agenda must surely have addressed the side's woeful complacency. Amid all the babble at last week's meeting about five-year maevenaent studies and the euphemistic "player power". Bath. without their chief spokesman, Stuart Barnes, who must now regret his Barbarians call-up, failed to do their talking when it

mattered most. Small boys with autograph books gathered hopefully outside the locked door. The home side was more deserving of their attentions. In dumping the seven-times winners at the third-round stage of the Pilkington Cup - only Bath's third defeat in 40 ties - Waterloo demon-

strated a tenacity of spirit As the clock ran away from them, Guscott and Raymond both attempted to do a Barnes, whose extra-time dropped goal sank Harlequins in the final last season. After a supreme tackling stint by Waterloo following the third of Grayson's penalties in the 74th minute, any

change at that late stage

would have been a gross

distortion. The fancy dans had their comeuppance. not particularly stylishly. but as a result of rugged uncompromising harassment. Nobody typified this approach more than Allott, the Waterioo captain, whose spoiling maraudings

ging O'Leary and Redman bruised and perplexed. "You might play like this twice a season," Allott said. "Today was one of them.

at the lineout left the flag-

unbelievably." Waterloo, pressing for promotion from the second division, had seen the match as no more than a useful yardstick and money earner. Their strength surprised even them. Grayson. the stand-off half, pumped the ball high and far, the inspirational Buckton in the back row was invariable first to come up with possession, and Hill and Craig made their tackles in the centre with the same ferocious determination with which they rode them in

Bath, and Guscott in particular, appeared bored. The ball hoofed away by the England centre was an abject waste. Webb was well off target with three of four goal attempts, while Hill found himself outmanocuvred in thought and deed by Saverimutto.

Swift's try at the start of the second half after Adebayo's burst through midfield should have been the rallying point. Instead, it inspired Waterloo, and Grayson's goalkicking

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BATH: JWebb: A Swift, P de Glamdie, J Guscott, A Adebayo; C Raymond, R Hist. G Chicott, G Davie. J Mallett, N Hadman, S C Leavy, A Robinson, J Half, D Egenton.

heart and soul of Blackheath. side when all was lost. But it With him, the club is at best a Thresher: 12-point baul was a hopeless task. **Buckton conjures up** WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS W HARTLEPOOL 18 LIRISH McEwan's Scottish West Hartispoot: Tries: Cooke (2). Pen: Stabler London Irish: Try: Hennessy. Pen: Corcoran. Saracens surprise

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Saracens..... Bristoł 15 By BRYAN STILES

BRISTOL might have thought it was daylight robbery but Saracens just grinned and pinched victory with all the subtle skill of professional pickpockets. After all, they had the Artful Dodger himself, John Buckton, to show them

the way. Just as Bristol were begining to swagger, with a 9-3 lead in their pockets, up popped Buckton to conjure up two tries which turned the game on its head and whisked Saracens into the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup. It all looked so easy, but it took

Bristol had arrived at Southgate on Saturday confident that the power of their pack and the muscle men in their backline would see off opponents who were fretting next to bottom in the Courage Clubs Championship.

However, they had forgot-ten to pack their travel bags with any imaginative trickery. They tried to bludgeon Saracens into defeat, but with the

home defenders tackling like

tigers, they could not reach the

line. They foolishly ignored

the skills of Hull, one of their

most talented attackers.

Rudling gave Saracens the lead in the third minute with a penalty goal, but by the 28th Tainton had collected three to out Bristol 9-3 ahead.

Then Buckton pounced. As Bristol mounted yet another attack he seized on a loose ball in midfield and hacked through, winning the chase for the touchdown. Rudling converted that try, and a second nine minutes later from the touchline. Buckton, of course, produced the telling pass which enabled Tunningley to enter the line and send Reed into the corner. It gave

Saracens a 17-9 interval lead. Bristol continued to dominate possession in the second half but all they could show for it was two more penalty goals from Tainton to set against one by Rudling. Buckton, who feels this vic-

tory could be the turning-point for Saracens, had another reason to celebrate. His brother. Peter, is the Waterloo coach who added to the West Country gloom on Saturday by plotting Bath's downfall. SCORERS: Saracons: Tries: Buckton, Reed. Conversions: Rucking (2). Penethy goals: Rucking (2). Bristot: Penethy goals: Tainton (5)

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Referee: D.J. Hudson (Manchester).

Tabard give locals a thrill Tabard..... .. 13 ... 50

Northampton..... By Barry Trowbridge

ENDLESS banter from the touchline and some toothrattling tackles in the middle played their part in making this a memorable Pilkington Cup tie for the folk of Tabard on Saturday, but once the dust of the underdogs' early charge

had settled. Northampton went clinically about their business and moved comfortably into the last 16. Seven tries to one may be a

slight overstatement of the first-division side's superiority on the day, but with Bayfield and Rodber providing nonstop possession from lineouts and Packman, Dawson and Steele combining to carve holes through the centre, Tabard's prowess in the tight

belligerent form, the England

scrum half weighing in with

two tries in the second half.

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before Iim Chandler got a

couple back for Bedford

Roberts tips balance

NEWCASTLE Gosforth, the unbeaten leaders of the secand division, completed the The Rugby lock, Steve Smith, did likewise in a four-minute day of woe for the hierarchy of the West Country by overturning Gloucester, their visitors in the third round of the Pilkington Cup on Saturday (Barry Trowbridge writes).

In the all first-division match at West Hartlepool, David Johnson, the leading London Irish could not find scorer in the top three divisions, laid the foundation the form that has seen them with a fine display of tactical post league wins this season kicking, but Newcastle trailed over Northampton and Orrell and went down to two tries by 3-0 and 10-6 before Terry Roberts, their 42-year-old David Cooke. Wasps, however, left nolock, pounced on a loose ball at a lineout to seal it 13-10.

body in doubt of their resolve with a 37-10 thomping of League form also suggested Rosslyn Park at Rochampton. that Orrell and Rugby might After being 10-9 behind at the have trouble with seconddivision opposition, but both break. Wasps opened out in the second half and scored had home advantage and made it pay, against Sale and tries through Buzza, twice, Bedford respectively. Need-ing a boost to their season. Greenwood and Thompson. Pilgrim's boot was responsi-Orrell had Dewi Morris in ble for the balance. PURECAST: Dividends will be good with ten soone-draws and miles no-stone unawe. I Deputiting Course of Cou

was never going to be enough. In that early surge, it certainly was enough to jolt

Northampton into action, but 1 within five minutes Packman and Thorneycroft had can-celled with interest Tabard's " embarrassing pushover try, and a pattern was established. Though what a fairy tale it it had been: perhaps fitting for a ? side formed in the London inn that was the starting point for Chancer's Canterbury Tales. Fired up by the occasion, Tabard swarmed into the Northampton half, won a five metre scrum, and punished Shelford's decision to peel away early by driving to the line. Martin Richards, the

captain, touched down from Enjoying his extended stint a at full back. Steele contributed a try, six conversions and a penalty goal, though the day's essiest points were collected by Olver who, for the sixth rry latched on to a superb inside break by Dawson and sold the most outrageous of dummies 2 to free his path to the posts.

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Drama in opening World Cup slalom of the season as favourite crashes twice

Tomba's tumble lets in Tescari

IN SESTRIERE

ITALY did not know whether to laugh or cry yesterday when its favourite skier, Alberto Tomba, fell in the opening World Cup slalorn of the season only for his compatriot, Fabrizio Tescari, to take his first win on the circuit. Some 20,000 supporters journeyed high into the Italian alps to see Tomba La Bomba and, on the first run, that was what they got. On the second it was tumbling Tomba.

Tomba, the world slalom champion, went over not once but twice. His first run had put him so far ahead, almost a second, that even when he fell on the high part of the course he thought he might still salvage a top-ten position by skiing on. But down he went again and his disgust was obvious as he lent on his poles and stared long and hard at the ground.
"I should have taken it

easy," Tomba said, recognising that his first run had put victory in the bag with the zip almost fastened. It was with great regret that he added: The left ski just went out and I lost my line, a stupid mistake." An expensive one, too. The age of serious prizemoney has dawned this season and Tomba's error cost him \$60,000 (some £39,000). The cost to Tomba in sponsors' bonuses can be put at more than \$100,000.

Tescari's previous best World Cup finish was fifteenth, here last year. His high start number, 28, was an indication of his standing, but he skied with venom to finish the first run in second place. At that point he was concerned more with defending his position than with attacking Tomba. "I was thinking only of finishing in the top three," Tescari said. And how did it feel to beat Tomba, winner of the last two World Cup sla-loms here? "I didn't beat

him," Tescari said abruptly. Tescari, aged 23, comes from the small northern town of Asiago where ski jumping and cross country are popular. but alpine skiers are few and far between. A bad fall two years ago put him out for a season and, like Tomba, he



A turn for the better: Tescari, here en route to finishing second on his first run, went on to secure victory

shuns the high speed disciplines of downhill and super giant slalom.

Kjetil-Andre Aamodt, of Norway, does them all and, until the second slalom run, he had spent the weekend looking every inch a potential overall World Cup winner. He won the giant slalom on Saturday, the first race of the season, while Tomba was second. Afterwards Aamodt was elevated by Tomba to equal status with Paul Accola, the defending champion, and Marc Girardelli, winner of four World Cups.

Aamodt was on Tescari's heels after the first slalom run, but lost his balance near the top of the second. But, since Accola and Girardelli both had an inauspicious weekend, Aamodt has the early advantage on the leader board. He looks like a young Brian

Clough, especially his eyes, but his legs are straight from the Tomba mould. All muscle and

strength? "I live in a fourthfloor apartment and walk the stairs." he said. "I also do weights." He was keeping quiet about the ballet training, useful for his balance. After yesterday perhaps he should yesterday perhaps he should book some extra lessons.

RESULTS: Men's giant statom (Saturday):

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Park City, Utah: Ulrike Maier, of Austria, rallied from How had he built such third place after the first run to win her first World Cup event of an eight-year career, edging out Carole Merle, of France, in the giant slalom that opened the season here on Saturday. Maier's time of 2min 21.87sec earned her \$15,000 (about £10,000), part

of a record \$100,000 purse for a World Cup event. Merle finished in 2min 22.10sec in what became a successful beginning to her bid to win the overall World Cup. Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, skied spectacularly on the second run to finish third in 2min 22.37sec. The Olympic gold medal winner, Pernilla Wiberg, of

Sweden, was fourth and the silver medal winner, Anita Wachter, of Austria, was fifth. Aided by a relatively flat, easy course that seemed to grow faster as the race progressed. Six of the top 15 finishers came from a starting position of 49th or lower. including the leader, Heidi Zeller, of Switzerland, a down-

Maier rally decisive

It was balance, that rare ability to ski any kind of course, that carried the day for Maier and Merle.

hill specialist, who started

21 B7sec; 2. C. Merle (Fr), 222 10; 3. V. Schneider (Switz), 222 37, 4. P. Wiberg (Swel 222 43; 5. A. Wechter (Austria), 222 61; 8. M. Fjeldavii (Nor), 232 65; 7. H. Toller (Switz), 222 65; 7. H.

Elkington wins national title at fourth atternpt

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IN SYDNEY STEVE Elkington held his nerve to win the Australian Open championship with a final round of 74 at The

Lakes yesterday.
The Australian, 29, earned
Aus\$144,000, and a place in
the Johnnie Walker world championship in Jamaica in three weeks' time. With a total of 280, eight under par, he won by two shots from Peter McWhinney (73), another Australian, and Duffy Waldorf (71), of the United States. Wayne Grady, also of Australia, scored 74 for fourth place, and Colin Montgomerie, of Britain, finished seventh after a 73 for 286.

Elkington, who has lived in the United States since 1980, was understandably excited that he had won his national title at only the fourth attempt. He said: "I'm tickled pink, and very emotional, because it is not often I get home, and it really is a great feeling to win in front of the Australian public. I shall leave the trophy with my parents at

longs in this country."

He has based himself in the United States since taking a scholarship at the University of Houston. His decision to compete on the US PGA Tour has proved profitable because he won the Greater Greensboro Open in 1990, The Players Championship in 1991 and the Tournament of Champions at the start of this year. He finished twelfth on the US Tour money-list this year

when he took his official

winnings to more than US\$ 2 million. Elkington began the final round of the championship with a lead of three shots from Grady and Mc-Whinney, but his advantage disappeared on the outward half. A freshening wind blew from the south, gusting to 40mph at times, and made conditions increasingly difficult, but Elkington contributed to applying pressure on himself by taking three putts at the 5th and 7th. Grady,

the former US PGA champion, went out in 33 to Elkington's 36 and he held command of his game until the 12th where he eventually marked a six on his card after driving into the trees. Grady subsequently fell back, dropping five shots in his last seven holes, but McWhinney maintained his challenge with a perfor-mance reminiscent of Faldo,

as he gathered one par after another. Waldorf, out in 35, pro-gressed when he chipped close for a birdie at the 11th, but he lost his chance by dropping a shot at the 14th where he hit the ball out of the heel of the club and beyond the green into a water hazard.

Elkington wobbled by dropping a shot at the 12th and another at the 15th where he took three to get down from the edge. Then he missed a birdie chance from seven feet at the 17th, and McWhinney, after 16 successive pars, faced a four-foot putt for a birdie which would have given him a share of the lead. He missed. and Elkington salvaged his par at the 18th, whereas McWhinney dropped his one and only shot of the

Montgomerie, who has

championship produced an encouraging or stward half of encouraging of trward hair of 35 but he app, rared to lose his confidence o rt the greens after missing fr om six feet for a par at the 10th. He dropped another shot at the 13th, at which po int he lost touch with the lead ers, as did his playing party IET. Rayhis playing parts ter. Raymond Floyd, who finished fifth after a 73.

☐ John Hoskison, the Wilson Club professional cham-

pion from west Surrey, Chris Hall and Andrew Collison carry England's hopes in the £50,000 Johnnie Walker European teams championship, starting today at La Manga. The Dutch team of John Woof, Tim Giles and

Lyle saves best to last

SANDY Lyle, enjoying a return to form, finished joint fifth in the World Open in Kaimon, Japan, yesterday, five shots behind Isao Aoki. Lyle's 69 was his best

round of the tournament Aoki, of Japan, the overnight leader, scored 71, one under par, to finish on 277, two strokes ahead of Chen Tzeming, of Taiwan.

Aoki birdied the 2nd, 5th

and 14th holes, and despite dropping shots at the 8th and 17th, never looked likely to be headed.

His victory, the 61st of his career, earned him \$216,000. Aoki, who was 50 in September, was fresh from his debut on the US Seniors

Tour. He had been favourite for the title since taking the first-round lead with a 64. Barry Lane, of England, returned a total of 293, one ahead of Philip Walton, of Ireland. Ronan Rafferty was

on 296. John Daly, the long-hitting American, tied for 26th place on 289 after a 72.

☐ The Masters champion. Fred Couples, was the leadmoney-winner with \$130,000 on the first day of a Skins tournament in California on Saturday. Payne Stewart won \$30,000 and Greg Norman \$20,000. Tom Kite. the US Open champion. failed to win any

RUGBY UNION

Llanelli concede valuable point

Pontypridd.....11 Llanelli

By a Correspondent

PONTYPRIDD have a habit of upsetting Llanelli, and their latest success could prove costly for their rivals. Having set their sights on the Heineken League title this season, and matched their ambition with some consistently good performances, dropping a point at Sardis Road was not part of Llanelli's plan.

Had it not been for the trusty right boot of Colin Stephens, the Wales stand-off, it could well have been two points lost. His second successful penalty 15 minutes from time levelled the scores.

Yet, having lost three points in the first half of the season, and with Swansea unbeaten after 11 games. Llanelli require a mighty effort in the new year to improve on their runners-up position of the last two seasons.

Missing their injured Wales internationals, Emyr Lewis and Wayne Proctor, and minus their inspirational captain, Rupert Moon, who was on duty with the Barbarians, Llanelli knew this was going to be a tough test.

The weather did not help.

SWANSEA, the Heineken League champions, moved a step nearer to retaining their crown with a record eleventh consecutive first division victory over Aberavon on Saturday.

international trio of Tony Clement, Scott Gibbs and Robert Jones, they carried too much fire power behind the scrum for their visitors and ran in three tries in a 25-13

Mark Titley, the former Wales wing, produced two flashes of genius to set up the opening try for Paul Arnold, before he himself and Kevin Hopkins crossed for further

While Swansea were overtaking Neath's former record run of victories. Cardiff were warming up for their top-ofthe table clash with Swansea head shoot-out between the stand-off halves. Stephens and Neil Jenkins, there was little to savour, and no real winner. The home side drew first blood when Ceri Jones and Matthew Back combined to give Steele Lewis, the centre, a

The monsoon-like condi-

tions that had prevailed dur-

ing the week made the pitch

treacherous and aided Ponty-

pridd's spoiling, all-action game plan. For those who

came to witness the head-to-

dear run to the corner. The Llanelli response owed much to good fortune. A seemingly innocuous kick ahead by Nigel Davies was gathered by Back, who fatally delayed his clearance. Ieuan Evans charged it down and pounced for his fourteenth try

of the season. From there on it was a battle of the outside halves' boots. That ended even, and Llanelli were left to rue securing only their fourth point in ten matches against their most

matches against their most stubborn rivals.

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Try: Lewis. Penalty goals: Jenkins (2). Llamell: Try: I. Evens. Penalty goals: Stephens (2). Pontypradio: M Back G Jones, C Jones. S Lewis, D Hughes: N Jenkins, Paul John; N Jemes, Phil John (ep. G Philipe), M Powelt, G Prosser (rep: D Earland), M Powelt, G Prosser (rep: D Earland), M Powelt, N Jones, M Lloyid, D Motintosh.

LANIELLE H Williams; Evens. S Davies, N Davies, W Proctor, C Stephens, S Wake; R Evens, A Lamenon, D Joseph, G Jones, A Copsey, M Perego, L Jones, P Devies.

Referee: W D Beven (Clyclach).

Swansea march on

this weekend with a 39-3 triumph at Newport. If it was Titley's creative genius that undid Aberavon, then Cardiff had their own flying wing, Nigel Walker, to thank. The former Olympic Even without their Wales sprint hurdler sped 80 metres for one try and then ran 70 metres to create another as

Cardiff can in six tries. Their game against Swansea has been made an allticket affair and the Arms Park expected to be filled with 14,000 fans. Victory, and three more tries than the champions, would be enough to secure the top spot for the home side. Neath, the 1991 champions, are still in the title chase thanks to their 27-15 win over South Wales Police. Bridgend improved their lot with a 25-0 victory over Newbridge, who beamhern

twice last season.

2, S Dilnot (Lordshild RR), 34:10; 3, P Fudge Hounslow), 34:26. Team: 1, Borough of Hounslow, 30; 2, London Olympiades, 41; 3, Sale, 51. 3, Sate, 51.

BOLBEC, France; World cross country challenge series: 1, E Censirio (Por); 2, T Pentel (Pr); 3, A Niprono (Kenya); 4, W Omwoyo (Kenya); 5, O Oscro (Kenya); 6, Behar (Pr); 7, J Ondielei (Kenya); 8, S Tunsial (Bill; 9, J Regalo (Por); 10, P Dugdale (Bil); 9, J Regalo (Por); 10, P

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ing Association fours championship: Quartier-timels: Oper (8 Devises) bt Tortaen (P Dickenson), 22-7; Cardiff (\$ Scott) bt Cardiff (N Shipperlee), 22-12; Racinor (D Rowlands) bt Menthyr Tydfi (V Howel), 21-12; Menther Tydfi (4 Switch & Occur)

MANCHESTER: WSO super-middle-weight championship: Chris Eubank (Brighton, holder) bt Juan Carlos Grnenez (Par), pts. WBA Inter-continental lightmiddleweight championship: Shaun Cum-mine (Leicester) bi Steve Foster (Salford).

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STOKE-ON-TRENT: British Universities ameteur chemploresings: Under-Sileg; M Bishop (Mest Sussex Institute) bit G Stevent (Glasgow), pts. Under-67/kg; A Mehta (Odord) bit W Harvey (Kerti), rac 2nd Under-60/kg; JEdy (Odord) bit SOTHerity (Aberdeer), ke 2nd. Under-63.5kg; B Naoten (Edinburgh) bit C Young (Keele), pts Under-67/kg; J Bractley (Strathchyde) bit M McCabe (Kerti), pts. Under-77/kg; W Stractlen (Aberdeer) bit C Pouri-adegitin (Odord), pts. Under-67/kg; T Remmrassvik (Edinburgh) bit J Les (Cembridge), rec 2nd. Under-67/kg; T Ferrmrassvik (Edinburgh) bit J Murphy (Cambridge), rec 2nd. Under-67/kg; T Ferrmrassvik (Edinburgh) bit J Acheumpong (London), pts. Ove-67/kg; M Bear (Staffordshire), weak over. RANDERS, Denmark: WBO welterweight chemploneship: Menning Gellowsy (US. holder) bit Gerl Bo Jacobsen (Den), rec 18. JANGKOK: Bif ilyweight chemploneship: Pictit Sitnengprachan (The)) ko Rudolio Blanco (Col. holder), 3rd md. CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHELD: Hobert (third day of four) Tasmania 403 (R Tucker 104, N Courney 80, M Farrell 53 not out: W Holdsworth 4-108) and 113-1; New South Wates 272 (M Sieter 138). **FOOTBALL**

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cup: First round: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Bronie 0. Pramier division: Ipswich Town 4, Knowsley United 5 First division North: Nottingham Argyle 1, Leasowe Pacific 4; St. Helens 2, Abbeydale 1, Wolverhampton 9, Milkon Kaynes 0. Other matches postponed. KAIMON, Japan: Marr's tournament: Finel

KAMON, Japan: Men's bournament: Finel scores (Japan Luijsss stated): 277: 1 Aok, 76, 86, 84, 71, 278: C Tza-ming (Talwan), 75, 71, 86, 87, 290: T Watsmabe, 74, 69, 69, 68, 293: H Kass, 74, 69, 74, 65; A Lyle (S8), 70, 71, 72, 98; K Murota, 72, 71, 89, 70. Other British and Inish scores: 293: B Lane (G8), 76, 70, 74, 73, 294: P Watson (Le), 79, 72, 72, 71, 296: R Rafferty (GB), 77, 72, 73, 72. **GYMNASTICS** WORING: Junior women development plan championships: Grade one: S Mas-sey (South-Esst), 42.95. Grade two: S Murray (South-Esst), 44.25. Teams: 1, South-Esst, 893.8; 2, South-West, 875.025, 3, West Midlands, 873.225; 4, North-West, 682.725.

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL EAGUE (NHU): Priday: Boston Bruns 5, Herriord Whelers 4 (OT): Philadelphia Riyers 6, New York Islanders 3: Butelo Sabres 4, Ottaws Sensitors 1; Los Angeles Kings 5, Detrolt Red Wings 3, New York Rangers 4, Minnesota North Starrs 4 (OT); Washington Capitals 6, Partsburgh Penguins 4; Winnipeg Jets 3, Sen Jose Sharks 2, Calgay: Plames 3, Tampa Bay Lightning 2 (OT); Chicago Blackhewks 8, Edmonton Oriers 1, Saturday: Hartford Whalers 4, Boston Bruhs 3 (OT); New York Islanders 9, Philadelphia Riyers 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Washington Capitals 3; New Jersey Devils 6, Cuebec Noroliques 3; Chicago Blackhewks 5, Calgay: Plames 2, Edmonton Oriers 4, Tampa Bay Lightning 3 (OT); Minniseta North Stars 10, San Jose Sharis 3, Vangouver Cerucies 6, Montinel Capariers 5, Tampath Merola Leets 2, Loc Sherks 3, Vancouver Cenucks 6, Montreel Canadiens 5; Toronto Magile Lesis 3, Los Angeles Kings 2; Detroir Red Wings 2, St Louis Blues 2 (OT). LACROSSE LEEDS: British Universities Sports Federation women's tournisment: Final positions: 1, North; 2, Midlands; 3, Loxoridge (London, Oxford, Cambridge); 4, South; 5, Scotland: 8, Wales.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND CUP: Third round: Worcester Norton 2 Redbridge and litord 3. Fourth round: Hampetead and Westmingter 2 Neston 1; Stourport 3 Antonorate 1, recursor of cultiflore 5; East Cambridge City 6 Guilditore 5; East Gristadd 4 Gora Court 6; Carterbury 3 Blueharts 1; Harleston Maggies 3 Bromley 3; (Harlaston won 5-4 on penalty strokes); Beeston 8 Sweakell 3; Stough 3 Havart 3 (Slough won 4-3 on penalty strokes); Spencer 0 Hounslow 3; Shefileld 1 Maider-head 1; Shefileld won 4-3 on penalty strokes); Carmock 2 Frebrands 2 (Carmock won 6-7 on penalty strokes); Indian Gymidhara 1 Barford Tiges 1 (Gymidhara won 3-1 on penalty strokes); Northampton 3 and 1 and

Saints 2 West Wits 1, Trojare 1 Yeddington 2
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Magples 1; Cambridge Cty 2, 0td
Kingstonians 1; Doncaster 4, Chelmsford 1;
Guidford 3, Chellenham 1; Harbome 5,
Lyons 1; Indsan Gymkhena 1, Barbord Tigers
1; Isca 0, Richmond 0, Reading 3,
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Lyle: joint fifth place in Japanese tournament

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Maximhead 1. Premier Division B: Backenham 0, Spancar 4; Chichester 2, Chearn
1; Marden Russets 0, Gore Count 2; Oid
Borderians 1. Winchester 2. Oid
Willemsoneans 0. City of Portsmouth 3;
Outord University 4. Farehem 1.
ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER
LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 2.
Durham University 4; Hightown Northern 0,
Norton 0, Sheffield 2, Timperley 0, Wakefield 2, Formby 1; York 1, Aktarley Edge 0,
Second division: Bowdon 1, Blackburn 2;
Hastax 1, Southport 3, Harrogate 4,
Sunderland 0: Liverpool 3, Knutsford 3;
Sheffield Bankers 4, Preston 4.
LACE MAWER NORTH-WEST LEAGUE:
First division: Behanjion 3, Macclessield 1;
Bramheir 0, Chesthern Hill 1; DeescleRamblers 2, Glabo 1, Manchester YMCA 2,
Rossendale 0; Northop Hall 4, St Helens 1,
Prescot 0, Outon 2, St Anne's 3, Manchester
3; West Derty 3, Manchester Inversity 3;
Winnington Park 0, Chester 3, Second
division: Colwyn Bay 3, Daten 2, Congleton
0, Wilmelow 1: Holms Chacel 2, Woodley
0; Sale 1, Salford University 2, Sanchesch 1,
Crewe Vagrants 2; UMST 2, Manchester
Indiens 1; Vickers 2, Bolton 1; Westion 1,
MORTH-HEAST LEAGUE: First division:
Billingtern 3, Newcastle University 2,
Durham University II 4, Tynedale 1; Norton II
1, Tynernouth 1; Redcar 1. Cariste 1;
Whitehaver 5, Morpeth 0, Second division:
Billingtern 3, Newcastle University 2,
Durham University II 4, Tynedale 1; Norton II
1, Norton II 3, Darington 2,
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NORTH WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Springfield 1, Newcastle 0, SEMOR WOMEN'S CLUBS: Alchidge 3, Loughborough L.O, Blueharts 2, Lacaster 2, Brached 10, Eath 2, Encoded Cry 5, Dereham 0; Centertoury 1, Hampstead 0; Chelmstord A.3, Archoners 1, Gudford 0, Trojans 1; Redland 2, Swindon 1; Wimbledon 1, Si Albarts 0; Woking 3, Dulwich 0 WELSH WOMEN'S CUP: First round: Ardudwy 1, Cermarthen 1 (Carmarthen won on penalists); Cardiff Athletic 8, Lizaliar Caerenion 0, Llandysul 1, Buckley 10, Newport 3, Wreatham 1; Porthmadiog 2, Carribban 1; Riyl 0, Chepstow 1; St Clears 1, Ruthin 0.

POWERBOATING

SINGAPORE: World Inland circuit grand prict 1, B Seabold (US), 9pts; 2, F Bocca (II), 6, 3, P Duggan (GB), 4; 4, J Hill (GB), 3; 5, S Karton (GB), 2, 6, M Wermer (Ger), 1 Final positions: 1, Bocca, 25, equal 2, Karton, Hill, 24; 4, Duggan, 19, 5, Cappellan (It), 15; 6, A Anderson (Swe), 13; 7, Seabold, Werner, 9. RACKETS

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Preliminary round: J Hughes bi A Anton, 15-9, 15-13, 7-15, 15-10: C May bi S Harford, 7-15, 15-9, 15-12, 15-2-J Male bi A Monteuuis, 15-0, 15-1, 15-15-2-J Male bi A Monteuuis, 15-0, 15-1, 15-15-12-First round: T Cockroft bi N Pendright, 15-2, 15-1, 15-1; N Hus-Williams of J Wilsh, 15-6, 15-1, 15-12, A Orchard bi M Henrman, 15-5, 15-1, 17-15; P Mesweel bi J Heald, 13-16, 15-8, 15-12, 11-15, 15-7, G Barker bi G Hewett, 15-0, 15-1, 15-1, J Fensiley bi G Deversus, 15-0, 15-1, 15-1, J Male bi A Monteuus, 15-0, 15-1, 15-3; J Male bi A Monteuus, 15-0, 15-1, 15-3; J Huntes bi D Westens, 15-12, 10-15, 15-10 **REAL TENNIS**

OUEEN'S CLUB: George Wimpey Open: Semi-finate: C Bray (GB) bl. J Howet (GB), 6-3, 6-5, 6-3: J Snow (GB) bl C Ronaldson (GB), 6-3, 6-3. 6-1 Finat Snow bit Bray, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3. Doubles: Semi-finate: W Daves (Aus) and L Deuchar (Aus) bl N Wood and J Snow, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; F Filippelii I Aus) and J Male bl R Faney (Aus) and P Meares (Aus), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. **RUGBY LEAGUE**

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 11, England 36 (at Vetch Field, Swarrseg).

YOUNGERS ALIJANCE: First division: Smallord Northern 14, Castletond 26: Featherstone Rovers 32, Warrington 21; Hull 26, Batley 24; Si Helens 32, Right 18, Batley 18, Si Helens 32, Right 18, Batley 24, Si Helens 32, Right 18, Batley 34, Shelling 18,
RUGBY UNION es: North-East O, London Region 68, North-Division 0, London Division 31, North-West 0, Scotland 36, Other matches: Alton 5, Normads 0, Old Learningtonians A 0, Saracens 72.

SNOOKER

BUGBBBA, Malta: World amaleur champ-lonship: Semi-Brais: L Andam (Phil) bt J Kemp (Scot), 8-3. N Mosley (Eng) bt D Yao (HBQ, 8-5. Final: Mosley bt Andam, 11-2.

SQUASH RACKETS HOOFDDDRP, Holland: Rulewave Meer championships: Women: Quarter-finels: S Wingfr (Eng) w S Macfie (Eng), dsq. L Chemen (Ling) bt Hvan Hoom (Holl), 8-10, 9-0, 9-1, 9-0; B Hoogendoom (Holl) bt M Beil (Aus), 7-2, 9-2, 9-4; S Homer (Eng) bt D Sommer, Floti), 9-0, 9-4, 9-0. Semi-finels: Wingfr bt (Charman, 9-4, 9-3, 9-1; Homer bt Hoogendo om, 9-3, 9-1, 9-2. Finel: Homer bt Wingfrt, 19-0, 3-9, 9-7, 9-5 Ment: Finel: D Webb (Eng) bt L Burt (Holl), 9-7, 9-7, 9-8.

GLOUCESTER: Ecclesiastical Life Open (British grand proc second round) Satur-day: Men: 2 ('Orn treestyle: 1, P Palmer (Lincoin Penta; pual, 1:50 S2sec: 2, P Howe (C of Birmingh: im), 1:50 80:3, A Clayton (C of Leeds), 1:51 82, 200m backstroke: 1, G Palatic Extract of Metheral, 2007.21, 2 (Incom Pental push, 190 239er, 2. P Howe (C of Birminghs im), 150.80; 3. A Clayton (C of Leeds), 1.51 82, 200m backstroker, 1. G Robins (Portsm outh Northsea), 2.00.23; 2. J Fleet (Wathn sm. Forest), 2.00 42; 3. J Hickman (Stoct on Metro), 2.20 25; 2. 3. J Hickman (Stoct on Metro), 2.20 25; 2. 30 Hickman (Stoct on Metro), 2.20 25; 2. 30 Hickman (Stoct on Metro), 2.20 25; 2. 30 Hickman (Stoct on Metro), 2.20 25; 3. G Brown (Tortaen), 2.20 26; 50m but terfly; 1. M Foster (Bernel Copthal), 24,70; 2. M Wottsman (Tortaen), 24,70; 2. M Wottsman (Tortaen), 24,70; 3. M Wettons (Tortaen), 250m but terfly; 1. M Watlans (Tortaen), 2.03 87; 3. J Hickman (Stocton Metro), 234, 17. Women: 50m freestyle; 1. M Lock (C of Cardiff), 25,73, 2. N Goodmin (Nove Certurion), 28,97; 3. S Hopkins (C of Chester), 27,24, 800m freestyle; 1, A P endnch (Beckenham), 87,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 87,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 97,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 97,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 97,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 87,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 17,714; 3. S Hatlaw this (Stockenham), 17,715; 3. J King (Thamesdown Tigershrais), 11,221; 50m butterily; 1, N Goodwin (Nova Certurion), 25,92; 2, M Lock (C of Cardiff), 25,07; 3, J Thompson Nova Certurion), 2,98; 1,400m mediey; 1, H Stater (Warnors of Warningon), 4,507; 2, V Hatle (C of Swanse e), 4,58,61 (Westh record), 3, L Marcham; (Nova Certurion), 3

2. V Hale (C of Swarse e), 4 58.61 (Welsh record), 3. L Marchant (Nova Centunon), 5 00 03
Yesterday: Ment: 100m: Insestyle: 1. M Poster (Barnet Copthest), 50.13, 2. P Howe (C of Britingham), 51.97; 3. A Clayton (C of Leeds), 52.02 400m free; tyler, 1. P Palmer (Lincoln Pertaqual), 3:50; 71, 2. P Howe (C of Britingham), 3:50; 71, 2. P Howe (C of Britingham), 3:50; 71, 2. P Howe (C of Britingham), 3:50; 71, 2. S Mellor (Satelite), 3:56 52; 100m b ackstroke: 1, M Hams (Maltham Forest), 5:21 (British record), 2. G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 56 74; 3. J F et (Weltham Forest), 5:708 50m breast stroke: 1, M Waterns (Barner Copthest), 30:19; 2. S Handley (C of Bristol), 30:34; 3. P Methush (C of Cardiff), 30:50; 200m; medley; 1. L Saach; (I), 2.03 72; 2. G Rc bris (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:03 85; Won next 100m freestyle: 1, M Lock (C of Car, 151), 5:611; acust 2, K Cheney (Spondon), N Eliotif (C of Bristol), 59:59; 400m freestyle: 1, A Pendich (Backenham), 4:19; 10, 2, 1, A Pendich (Nova Centuron), 4:22, 51, 50m backetroke: 1, Z Cray (Claction), 30:15; 2, N O'Connor (New Ross), 3:16; 3; A Bennet (Nova Centuron), 2:25; 15, 50m backetroke: 1, J Fing (Fhame scion), 2:34,74, 3, H Gorman 'Nova Centuron; 2:36; 2:51, 50m backetroke: 1, 2:51, 50m backetroke: 1, 2:51, 50m breass-stroke: 2:34,74, 3, H Gorman 'Nova Centuron; 2:36; 2:51, 50m backetroke: 1, 5:50m backetroke: 1, 2:50m backetroke: 1, 5:50m backetr

33.82 (Scot jurnor record), 50m butterfly Key (Carnegel), 29.95, 100m media Sheppard, 1 04 63.

TABLE TENNIS

LEVIN: French open champlonships:
Men's singles: Second round: A Cooke
(Eng) bit S Kostner (Ger), 21-12, 21-15, 21-15;
Chen Xintus (Eng) bit M Costantini (I),
21-15; Chen Xintus (Eng) bit M Costantini (I),
21-16; Chen Xintus (Eng) bit M Costantini (I),
21-18, 12-12, 21-14; Third round: Chen
Xintus bit Xiong (I) (Drina), 21-17, 21-15;
18-21, 17-21, 21-15; J Gatten (Fr) bit Cooke,
21-18, 21-19, 10-21, 21-9; A Gnoba (Pol) bit
P Karlsson (Swe), 21-11, 21-18, 21-17, 2
Primosac (Coo) bit J-M Saeve (Be), 12-21,
18-21, 21-18, 21-15, 21-19, 21-10, 2113 Semi-finals: Waddrer bit Gatten (Fr)
bit S Fetzner (Ger), 17-21, 21-19, 21-10, 2113 Semi-finals: Waddrer bit Gatten (Fr)
bit S Fetzner (Ger), 17-21, 21-19, 21-10, 2114, 21-17, Getsen bit Primorac, 2117, 16-21, 21-19, 21-18, Final: Waldfirer bit
Gaten, 21-17, 14-21, 21-16, 17-21, 21-16
Women's singles: Second round: Liomas (Eng) bit G Keen (Holl), 21-15, 21-10,
21-13; M Hooman (Hol) at A Holt (Eng), 1921, 21-18, 22-20, 21-13. Third round: K
Toth (Hun) bit Lomas, 17-21, 21-19, 21-16.
21-13 Ouarter-finals: Linan bit Toth, 21-14, 21-8, 2116; Zheng Yuan (China) beat Li Ju (China),
10-21, 21-15, 21-18, 21-15; Xu Jing (Tape),
bit M Hoomen (Hol), 21-15, 21-18, 2118 Semi-finals: Linan bit Svensson, 21-13,
16-21, 21-17, 19-21, 21-16, Zheng Yuan bit
Xu Jing, 22-24, 19-21, 21-11, 21-13, 21-14,
Finat: Licun bit Yuan, 21-17, 18-21, 21-14,
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Accident 6, Crosshouse Electnes 4

PRAGUE: European women's team chempionship: Group A: Switzerland bit lially, 2-1. Group B: Britain bit lially, 3-0. (Brissh names first): C Wood bit N Baudone, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; J Dune bit G Przichnu, 6-2, 6-2, S-A Siddell and C Wood bit R Grande and Przichnu, 7-5, 6-2. Britain bit Belgium, 2-1 (British names first): Wood lost to A Devries, 6-7, 6-2, 4-6; Dune bit D Morram, 6-3, 6-4, Dune and Wood bit A Devries and D Morram, 6-2, 2-4, let. JOHANNESBURG: ATP men's world doubles chempionship: Round-robin: M Nrazmenn and W Mesur (Auc.) bit J Grabb and R Reneberg (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, T Woodbridge and M Woodbride flust) bit T Nijssen (Hoff) and C Suh (C2), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 Semi-finats: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A, 3-6, 3-3 Woodbridge and Woodbridge hit S Casal and E Sánchez (Sp), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, Finat: Woodbridge and Woodbridge bit S Casal and E Sánchez (Sp), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, Finat: Woodbridge and Woodbridge bit Fitzgerald and Janyd, 6-2, 7-5, 7-3, 6-5.

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: Meri: First division: Polonia Esting 0, Tooling Anula 3: Speedwell Bucanor 0, Wessen 3: Rechok Levepcol City 2, KLEA Leads 3; Mizuno Matlory Lewisham 3, Newcastle Staffs 1, Women: First division: Woodwich Bridgin 3, Sale 2, Dynamo London 2, KLEA Leads 3; Wessex 3, London Lynx 1

FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup Salisbury v Marlow (7.45). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Sunderland v Nortingham Foresi (7.0) NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Wartord. Milwell v Norwich (2.0) DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division. Malden Vale v Ware. Third division: Tring v Horsham HPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Southport v Fleetwood First division: Caemarlon v Astron United. Worksop v Harrogate.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replays: Southport v Morecambe. Slevenage Borough v Harrow Borough OTHER SPORT



Sibton Abbey pays price of shock success | Over The Deel can

RACING CORREST PONDENT

MAKING a mockery of handicapping has inevitable repercussions, Fis connections of Silston Abbery will discover shortly following the sevenyear-old chase:rs shock 40-1 success in thre: Hennessy Cognac Gold Crap on Saturday.

The victory achieved on merit despite being 211b out of the handi zp, is likely to prompt Christopher Mordaunt: to raise the winner by at least 20lb for future

The Jorckey Club handicap-per initially allocated Sibton Abbey 8 ist 7lb for the Newbury feature. A Sunday success at Chelte oham two weeks ago saw hi is handicap rating go up by 5ll a, but that still made him a no-hoper in the eyes of most expe its as he theoretically needled to improve suddenly by 1 61b to feature in one of the seamons's most competitive

Fortunately, such arcane arguments leave Geoff Hubbard craid. The owner of Sibton Abbey has a more practical. less academic view; if a horse is carrying the minimum weight of 10 stone and has suitable conditions, he has a good

"Being out of the handicap doesn't matter much if your horse likes the going and you know you are not going to hurt

Unlikely successes achieved down the years at rewarding odds prove his point and, significantly, Sibton Abbey ran well at Aintree and Chelrenham last season when eight and 13lb "wrong" in the

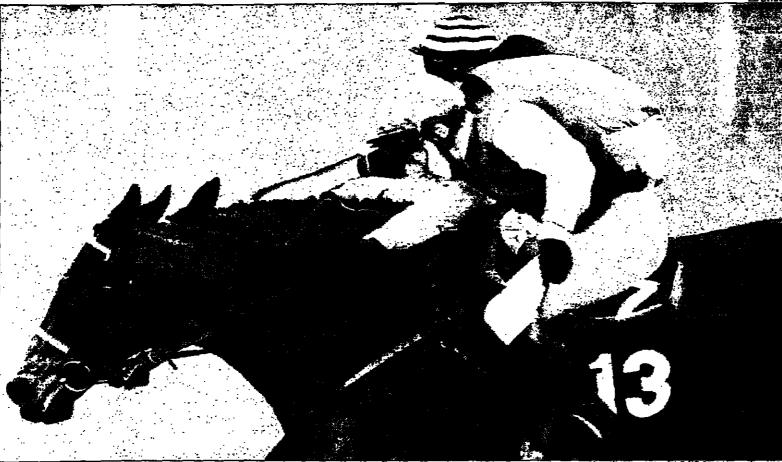
When the rain arrived last week to provide the Irish-bred horse with his favourite boglike ground, Hubbard backed his judgment with wagers at 66-1 and 40-1.

Even so, Adrian Maguire could hardly believe his good fortune as Sibton Abbey led his 12 rivals into the straight still on the bit.

After shrugging off the chal-lenges of Gambling Royal and the less than foot perfect Chatam at the fourth-and third-last fences, Maguire saw Mark Dwyer loom up alongside on Jodami, the stronglybacked favourite, and he

feared the worst. Maguire, nicknamed the

(£2,290: 2m 6f 110yd) (8 namers)



Close encounter: Sibton Abbey, nearest camera, getting the better of a thrilling Hennessy duel with Jodami at Newbury on Saturday

golden child" by fellow jockafterwards: 'When Jodami joined me at the last, I thought 'here it goes' but my fellow really stayed

From the stands, it ap-peared as though Jodami did not find as much on the run-in as Dwyer had hoped for, but Maguire insisted the winner quickened really well from the

Ferdie Murphy, the win-ning trainer, said: "He absolutely loves this ground. The heavier the better. I knew if it came to a slog in the mud he would battle through it. Before the race I would have been delighted if he had finished third, but Mr Hubbard has been verv confident all week."

Jodami's excellent run is further proof that last season's novice chasers were an aboveaverage crop and points to a bold show from Martin Pipe's Sun Alliance Chase winner, Miinnehoma, in the Rehears-Chase at Chepstow on

Looking to the future, the

performance of The Fellow in the Hennessy deserves special praise and the big three bookmakers all trimmed Francois Doumen's chaser to 5-1 facourite for the Cheltenham

Gold Cup. Carrying top weight on ground softer than he likes. The Fellow got slightly outpaced turning into the straight and was a dozen lengths adrift of the principals jumping the last. But he stayed on stoutly to halve the losing margin at the

A delighted Doumen commented: "I am very happy and proud of him. My jockey said he wanted to bring The Fellow nearer to the front on the final bend, but the ground was so bad he could not ask him for an effort then. "He had to wait until com-

ing into the straight. Then you could see the horse running on where the ground was better. "He will come back for the King George at Kempton and then go straight for the Chel-

Mighty Mogul's gutsy suc-

1.45 MASON ORGANISATION CHAMPION HANDICAP CHASE

tenham Gold Cup."

(£6,872: 3m 4f) (11 runners)

cess over Staunch Friend in the Gerry Feilden Hurdle makes him a serious contender for the Champion Hurdle, for which he is a best priced 12-1 with Coral. David Nicholson, who is

recovering from the and a

temperature of 105, watched the race on television and said yesterday: "He will run next in the H S S Hire Shops Hurdle at Ascot on December 19." Nicholson also sends Waterloo Boy for the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown on Saturday, while Wonder Man, one of his impressive band of novice chasers, goes for the Henry VIII Novices Chase.

Big-race details

1.50 HENNIESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP (Handicap chase: grade III: £36,160; 3ro 2110yd) 2: 110yd)
1, SIBTON ABBEY (A Maguina, 40-1); 2, Jodami (M Dwyer, 100-30 fav); 3. The Fellow (A Kondrat, 5-1). ALSO RAM: 9-2 Chataran (48h), Capitain Dibble, 13-2 Gambing Royal (51t), 11 Twin Calts (pu), 12 Party Politics (pu), Latent Telent (pu), 12 Bishops Hall (pu), 50 Sparking Flame (pu), Mr Boston (pu), Powtandsons Javets (6th), 13 ran. 5(1, 61, 14), 67, 261, Fiburphy & Woorlinders Time: 647 77 198,00.

User Friendly sixth as local star lands Cup

USER Friendly could manage only sixth place behind the locally-trained Tokai Teio in the Japan Cup in Tokyo

Clive Brittain's filly started warm favourite at odds of 22-10 but, despite the bonus of intermittent drizzle before the race, she could not reproduce her sparkling form of earlier in the season.

Dr Devious never got into a challenging position and was over 11 lengths behind the vinger in tenth.

User Friendly was beaten nearly six lengths and did not help her cause by pulling hard throughout. Brittain said: "It's the end of a long season. and she pulled hard. But she's such a game filly. She will now have a holiday and be aimed at the Eclipse and other big

Tokai Teio was always holding one of the Australian challengers, Naturalism, in the last furlong and the runner-up was flattered by the neck victory margin.

The John Hammond trained Dear Doctor finished well in third place, beaten a further half-a-length. It was a fine effort on

Naturalism's part to finish so close. He spread a plate six hours before the race and cut

Tokyo result

make amends for Cheltenham lapse

FOLLOWING Sibton Abbey's victory in Saturday's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup.
Over The Decl can capture the
£10,000 added Mason Organisation Champion Chase at Kelso today, and he is my nap. At the Cheltenham Sunday fixure earlier this month, Over The Deel travelled from County Durham to contest an

Sent off favourite at 6-5 following successive victories at Sedgefield and Newcastle. Over The Deel looked like delivering the goods until he misjudged the second-last ence and fell.

amateur riders' chase.

With Over The Deel out of contention, the prize was effectively handed on a plate to Sibton Abbey, who proceeded to take full advantage of his good fortune.

As Over The Deel had already won the Peaty Sandy Handicap Chase over threeand three-quarter miles at hewestle by an easy six lengths, coping with today's slightly shorter test of stamina will not pose a problem.

At Newcastie, Bluff Knoll was 13 lengths adrift in only fourth place, having started second favourize on the strength of a promising first run behind Whaat Fettle and Danny Conners on today's track in October.

Today, Bluff Knoll meets Over The Deel on 121b better terms. While that should help to narrow the gap, my nap-should still confirm his

superiority,
Bluff Knoll also meets Whaat Fettle on 181b better terms, which looks a handsome return for only a five

Those who like to support horses travelling long dis-

MICHAEL PHILLIPS.

rances will more the presence at the head of the handicap of Toby Balding's Dorset-based Boraceva.

Earlier this season, it was his Scottish owner, the Duke of Athol, who had to do all the travelling in order to see Boraceva finish twice at Wincanton, initially behind Captain Dibble and more recently to Esha Ness.

The presence in the field of other talented chasers, includ-ing Radical Lady, Plenty Crack, Boreen Owen and Dubious Jake, has helped to make today's feature race the envy of many of the bigger

Later in the programme, his stable companion Bad Trade can complete a double for Stephenson by winning the Capital Copiers Conditional Jockeys Claiming Chase, having won a similar race at

While Break The Chain, the Stephenson runner for the Glengoyne Highland Malt Tamerosia qualifier, should go well, I prefer River Pearl who was going like a winner at Market Rasen when she

Charlotte's Emma has the stamina to land the N B Mason Entertainments Handicap Hurdle, having scored over even further at Catterick

Finally, Alan Munro can land a treble at Lingfield's allweather Flat meeting, thanks to Stalled (12.40), Anna-curragh (1.10) and Arageove

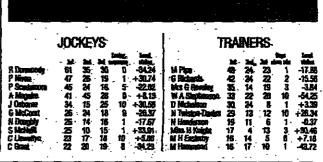
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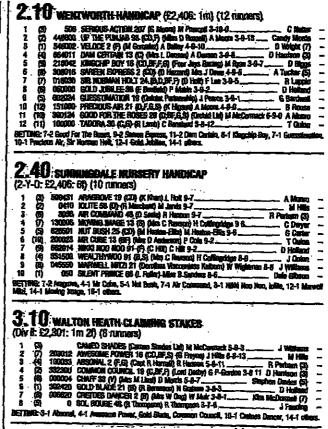
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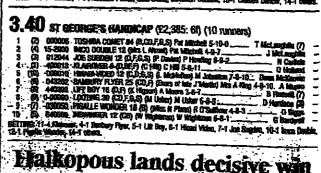
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McCourt over the performance of Coulton, who faded in the straight. They accepted the explanations that Coulton refused to settle and was allowed to come home in his own time after tiring badly

Worcester lost

The meeting at Worcester, scheduled for today, was called off on Saturday because of waterlogging Course manager, Jack Bennett, reported flooding in two areas of the course, .





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Yoko Watanabe: her performance as Butterfly is one of the most memorable of our time

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And when did you last see your father?

Narrative painting on show in Liverpool



THEATRE: Sir Michael Hordern tells Benedict Nightingale why his new stage role may be his last

Reeling in the years for a final cast

o wonder Sir Michael Hordern was looking mournful as he sat over looked out of his hotel window at the grey Brighton sea. For him, too. 1992 has been a bit of an annus horribilis, or, as he put it in his mild, apologetic way. "not a very good year for health". Getting out of a chair is still a cumbersome business, thanks to an operation last spring in which his knees were painfully rebuilt. About the same time he developed a kidney problem which put him into intensive care. As rehearsals for Pinero's Trelawny of the 'Wells' neared, "I had an ulcer burst and internal bleeding and blood transfusions and, oh dear, all sorts of things."

It says much for his dogged professionalism that, at the age of 81, he is bringing that fierce old Victorian patriarch, Pinero's Sir William Gower, via Brighton's Theatre Royal to the Comedy. But Trelawny will almost certainly be Sir Michael's adieu to the stage. Eight performances a week are, he says, pretty exhausting. "Also, I find it difficult to remember, it's as simple as that. Here in Brighton I've been trembling with lack of confidence every night. By now I would usually have put the script away in a drawer, but I carry it around with me all the time. I've been spending the first part of the play looking at my lines for the second part."

That has proved frustrating as well as alarming for Sir Michael. There is only one way he normally prepares in advance for a role, and that is by ensuring he carries a perfect photograph of the words in his head. This means he can arrive at rehearsals without any preconceptions about the character he is playing and allow them to define it for him. But how could that happen when, as he ruefully told me, "some of Sir William Gower is still more Hordern than Pinero"? The management offered him a tiny earphone through which he could be prompted. "But I said, no, I shall ask to be released from my contract if that comes about, because it kills

Spontaneity and freshness are key words in Sir Michael's vocabulary. He regards himself as an instinctual actor, and, though he hand, unpredictability has long been one of his great qualities on the stage. He has always preferred parts in which he can find and express new things even after the play has opened: Prospero, who on some nights was more crusty and

painfully battling the complex symptoms of senility, or the flus-tered philosopher in Tom Stoppard's Jumpers:

"I must have done that play 250 times, and on the 250th I came off and said to myself, yes, I see. I was discovering the character all the time. On the other hand, nothing is more boring than some light comedies. Once you've achieved the satisfaction of getting the timing right, and getting it right every night, there is nothing left to think about. There's not much to learn in Rookery Nook."
For all Sir Michael's apprehen-

sions, his Gower has clearly been changing and growing en route to

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London. Just before we met, he. discovered that, if he sat in a slightly more commanding place on stage, a scene that was making him and the audience feel uneasy suddenly began to exercise its power. Moreover, his instincts were obviously working overtime on the climactic moment when Sir William, the austere enemy of all actors, is won over when he recalls seeing Kean's Lear with Cordelia. "I. Michael Hordern, remember playing King Lear and what she meant to me. I find myself playing the scene with tears in my eyes and

I just want to break down every From another actor, that might sound sentimental or pretentious. Not from Hordern, the most affably unaffected of men or, as he would say, countrymen. He hates the preciosity to which the profes-sion is prone and seldom goes to the theatre or to theatre iamborees. preferring a quiet life at his cottage in rural Berkshire. His knee trouble likes a director with a firm guiding has made walking, riding and hand, unpredictability has long tending his vegetables difficult; but along with his special passion,

a catch in my throat. I can't help it.

pursuits. That sense of priorities has probably helped him as an actor, since, as he says, "you meet real

fishing, they remain his preferred

people, you do natural things, you keep your feet on the ground." But it is causing him problems with the one extra-curricular activity on which he is now engaged, the preparation of an autobiography tentatively titled A World Else-where "So many actors leap into print at the end of their careers, and i find most of them insufferably boring. It's production after production, and I simply can't remem-ber most of my productions. But ask me about catching my first

trout and I'll write you a chapter." Theatrical knight though he may be, Hordern has long displayed a most untheatrical lack of ambition. He has, he says, never badgered a management to play a particular part or, as far as he can remember. turned one down. He has simply accepted what came along, with the result that his career has been an odd mix of roles, from Caliban to Mr Toad to Prospero to the eccentric old schoolmaster he recently played in Keith Waterhouse's Bookends. "I've always hated the thought of being typed, and I never have been. I'd hate to be a light-comedy actor longing to play King Lear, or a classical actor who played all the Richards and Henrys and longed to play Rookery Nook. Thank goodness, I've had the career I wanted."

But is that career really almost over? Must we ring down the curtain on that long, flummoxed face and those strange, stricken vowel-sounds, and send Hordern back to his cabbages in Berkshire? Well, there is always film and television, twin media of which he has had much experience. Only last spring he was seen in the BBC's adaptation of Muriel Spark's Memento Mori as an elderly literatus being blackmailed for his sexual indiscretions: a wonderfully subtle, funny performance.

Hordern has mixed feelings about appearing on screens either large or small — "I like audiences, I like the sense of reality they bring, talking into a camera isn't the same thing." — but he does not discount the prospect. Nor would he necessarily refuse an invitation from a theatre company that did not insist on a debilitating eight performances a week. Ralph Richardson gave a memorable cameo as Firs in Chekhov's Cherry Orchard at the Olivier towards the end of his days. If the National, which presented Hordern in Jumpers, had another 70 or 80-year-old in its repertoire, I suspect he would listen.

 Trelawny of the 'Wells' previews from Wednesday and opens on December 7 at the Comedy (071-867 1045)



Sir Michael Hordern as Sir William Gower, a Victorian patriarch, in Trelawny of the 'Wells'

Michael Bogdanov's new English Shakespeare Company production of *The Tempest* appears to be set on an island in the Thames

ive Michael Bogdanov a simple stage direction, "the island, before Prospero's cell", and what do he and his English Shakespeare Company offer in return? The end of a vast sewer pipe, a bit of concrete jetty. the wreck of a Mini, and, behind them, what looks like a shadowy mix of an oil refinery and the National Theatre. John Woodvine, whom the programme identifies as Prospero, sits in a brown jacket, green cordurey trousers and white plimsolls, reading a book. Julie Saunders, soon to be a peppy Miranda, is at an old stove. Urban

Some enchanted evening

the Royalty with a screeching stereo, hammering the car as they pass. If this is an isle of sounds and sweet airs situated between Carthage and Milan, then Rotherhithe is Atlantis and the M25 the Milky

But then Woodvine nods off, a spotlight isolates him, tinkling fills the air, and the play begins. Ah ha.

drifters scuttle across the stage of Perhaps this is Gervase Prospero, the Royalty with a screeching the failed intellectual, dreaming Shakespeare's Tempest in protest him. But that does not explain the academic gown he proceeds to put forting himself for his failure to get promotion and tenure with a

against the dire circumstances into which economic fate has plunged on. Perhaps, then, this is Associate Professor Wilbur Prospero, com-



Dean Sebastian, and Chairman of the English Faculty, Alonso. Who can say? There is nothing in what follows that justifies

Bogdanov's decision to pave over Shakespeare's imagination. Even at the end, when I had hoped all would be revealed, nothing sugges-tive or helpful occurs. A buildozer does not trundle on stage, rudely awakening poor Prospero, nor do a gang of muggers come to restore him to reality. All that happens is that Woodvine delivers the epilogue in the usual way and breaks his walking stick in half, leaving the rest of us to muse grumpily on a

misspent evening.

In this setting everything seems as out of place as a three-masted schooner on Spaghetti Junction. The shipwrecked lords pour onstage in a procession of ambassadors, bandsmen, cinema commis-sionaires. Gilbertian admirals, Salvation Army generals, and clones of Edward VII. Tony Haygarth's Trinculo and Sean Baker's Stefano arrive dressed for a judo bout or maybe a rather tacky Elvis Presley lookalike contest.

Moreover, such efforts as Bogdanov makes to introduce magic into the visual equation seem inept or impertinent. The spirits who bring Alonso his banquet come straight from Ghostbusters. their "excellent dumb discourse" a matter of undulating about inside pillowcases. The "dainty" Ariel turns out to be Olwen Fouere, a solid, unsmiling lady in a mauve trouser-suit. The idea of having her cross the stage on a tightrope when she is casting a spell might work; not falling off that enchantment is the last thing she projects.

I have seen fine performances in unfriendly circumstances. Not here. To play Gonzalo as an odiously self-satisfied pedant, as Hugh Sullivan does, is to make

megalomaniac fantasy in which he bests his enemies, Dr Caliban, John Darrell is wrong to turn him John Darrell is wrong to turn him into a melodramatic crybaby who reacts to every setback as though he were Henry Irving mimidsing Larry the Lamb. And just what

does Woodvine think he is doing?

of a performance here. His Prospero exudes gruff authority. He also puts across the speech about us being "such stuff as dreams are made on" in the kind of spectral tones actors adopt when they wish it to be known that they are being profound. But what kind of man does he add up to? Why is he here? Would he have done better to stay in his dressing-room?

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ARTS BRIEFING

Latest score lines

ANOTHER hero of the musical world has revealed a strange obsession with football. Michael Nyman, the "minimalist" composer much favoured by the filmmaker Peter Greenaway and the more avant-garde dance companies, is to celebrate the football club Queen's Park Rangers, and its most famous player Stan Bowles, in his music. He is writing a piece, The Final Score, for Channel 4's Without Walls series, to be broadcast on December 8. Nigel Kennedy's purple passion for Aston Villa is a vital part of the violinist's public persona, and such illustrious musicians as Claudio Abbado and José Carreras have been known to rearrange performances if Inter-Milan or Barcelona have vital cup ties.

 MORE staff cuts may be on the way at the Arts Council as it contemplates the 2 per cent increase in its budget announced by the beritage department. The council's secretary-general, Anthony Everitt, has announced that administration costs will rise by only 1.5 per cent — a pegging back that will involve scrutiny of all office expenditure from paper clips to staff jobs. "Next year we are going to squeeze overheads again to enable us to fund artists and art organisations, which is what we exist to do. It is going to be very painful." A £600,000 cutback during this financial year has already led to the loss of 30 posts.

Paris matches

VISITORS to Paris next month can see three former stars of the Bolshoi Ballet in unfamiliar roles. Maya Plisetskaya will be at L'Espace Pierre Cardin from December 5 to 23 in a new ballet, The Mad Woman of Chaillot, made for her by Gigi Caciuleanu after Giraudoux's play. Her husband Rodion Shehedrin has written the music.

Then Ekaterina Maximova and Vladimir Vasiliev open at the Palais des Congrès on December 17 in a new production by Vasiliev of Prokofiev's Cinderella. But although not her dream Prince but the wicked (and comic) stepmother. The run is until January 3: other dancers will take the roles at some performances.

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JAMES SAUNDERS's amusing and intelligent Making It Better was a civilised choice of play for the long awaited re-opening of that Victorian gem. the Criterion Theatre. It has also allowed Jane Asher to give her strongest performance in years as a sexual innocent who falls into the emotional clutches of two Czechoslovakian emigrés, one elderly and dog-eared, the other young and go-getting. But it is time to make way for the stage adaptation of Stephen King's Misery. The final performance of Making It Better is on Saturday (071-839



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CHICO FREEMAN: The fluent Chrago-born saxophonst arrives for a week-long residency. Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747), tonight-Sat, 8.30pm.

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Ci JUNE MOON: Naive songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley. Delightful comedy by filing Lardiner and George S. Kaufman. Excellent cest. Vaudewille, The Strand, WC2 (071-838 9887). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:

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periomance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon cornedy more weightly than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aurt. Strand, Alowych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sal, 2.30pm, 160mms. MURDER BY MISADVENTURE:

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dating from the 9th century to the present day and financially supported by The Times. (A lecture tonight entitled "Art for God's Salie" discusses the An in rador's Some castalises in in importance of religious art from an Eastern and Western perspective) Royal Acadesay of Arts, Piccadill London W1 (071-439 7438), Daily, 10am-8pm; tecture, 7.30-9.30pm.

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RELFAST: Scott Tracy, Captain BELFAST: Scoti Tracy, Captain Scarlet, Lady Penelope and the Mysterons in Thunderbirds F.A.B., the play impired by Geny Anderson's cult television senes of the Stoties. This production, which calebrates the 25th anniversary of that original senes, is touring the country.
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria
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John Woodvina the exited Prospero. Reyality, Portugal Street (off Kungoway), WC2 (071-494 5020). Tempest : tonight, tomorow, 7.30pm, 180mins; Macbeth : Wed-Sal, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Thurs, 2.30pm, 130mins. E NO MAN'S LAND: Spelibinding journey into Pinterland with Herold hrasel and Paul Eddington as the two stelling combetants: Almeldia, Almeldia Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat. Spm. met Set. 4pm. 105mirs.

☐ OUR SONG: Pater O'Toole in Keith man's pout of wew. Apollo, Shallesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070), Mon-Fri, 8 15pm, Sat, 6pm.

□ RADIO TIMES: Tony Stattery in a fun tip down Memory Larne, set in warring Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gey numbers. Gasent's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (971-494-5040). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm, 150mms.

THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Allion Steadman and Jane Horrocks in Jim Cartwright's play about a shy grif escaping her reucous mother. Ingenious but incredible. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mai Sat, 4pm. II THE STREET OF CROCODILES:

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successful run at the National.
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Personal triumph against the odds

Madama Butterfly Covent Garden

SERIOUS reservations about Nuria Espert's five-year-old production of Butterfly will not go away. It seems perverse to set an opera that is largely about increasing isolation in a generously populated tenement block rather than the lonely house envisaged by the composer; to present a protagonist so drab in her grubby floral jogging pants that she would be unlikely to attract the attention of Prince Yamadori, let alone a US naval lieutenant in search of exotic delights; indeed to make Pinkerton such an obvious cad, which lets the audience off the hook. Many crucial moments are clumsily staged - seldom can the Bonze's entry have gone for so little.

On the other hand, the actual portrayal of Butterfly developed by Espert and Yoko Watanabe, who returned to Covent Garden in triumph on Friday, is one of the most memorable of our time. Watanabe's voice is ideal. It is tough, vibrant, generously projected, and fully equal to the demands Puccini makes on it, especially in a version of the text with no interval in the second act. Even the most cynical opera-goer will have recognised that her physical exhaus-tion at the curtain calls was genuine. Yet in its attractive "whiteness" and clarity, Watanabe's soprano also suggests fragility and vulnerability: the combination is perfect.

There is an extraordinary consistency to her impersonation. The traditional, easy way with Butterfly is to play the child-bride in the first act and move straight to the tragedy queen in the second. No suspension of disbelief is required by Watanabe's 15-year-old at the opening, but in Act II she reminded me as no other Butterfly



quite has that she is still only 18. Her reactions to Sharpless's letter, to Yamadori, even the harbour cannon. were those of a naïve teenager, not a mature woman — this was especially telling in her potentially embarrassing dissertation on the differences between US and Japanese divorce procedures. We were concerned here with the destruction of a child rather than a Joan Crawford-style posturer. The result was indescribably poignant. Watanabe's triumph was all the

more heart-warming in that it took place in - how to put it? - less than

ideal surroundings. Arthur Davies gave an honest, steady Pinkerton, and Malcolm Donnelly an equally honest but less steady Sharpless. No disrespect intended — quite the opposite — but this was English National Opera casting at Covent Garden prices. Anne Mason (Suzuki) and the immortal John Dobson (Goro) were first-rate; other roles were frankly undercast. Over what happened in the pit I

would prefer to draw a veil Sian Edwards was conducting her first Butterfly: fine, everyone has to start somewhere, but it is a symptom of the

way opera is organised nowadays that she should be starting at Covent Garden rather than the Bootle Municipal Opera. Jerkily, inconsistently related tempos, little sense of Puccinian line or "lift" - or indeed sensuousness and a fatal lack of singing quality in the phrasing; most seriously, the performance simply wasn't sufficiently together. If voices and orchestra hit a Puccinian G-spot a good beat apart, as happened too often, the effect is halved, not doubled. Not good enough. RODNEY MILNES

Suppressed, but never silenced Petrified

The Place

had to approach his subject obliquely.



de Pont Davies in Petrified

WITH its bloodthirsty tale of sibling

murder, revenge and torture, Harrison Birtwistle's Bow Down is not for the faint-hearted. The story is the legend-

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that dabbles with necrophilia and the

like, as well as good old-fasioned

obscenity, projecting it with wit and dancing rhythms that propel the action

wedding feast.

MECKLENBURGH Opera has a reputation for exploring interesting byways of contemporary European work, and has added to it with the British premiere of Jurjaj Benes's Petrified — Skamenen in the original. This is claimed to be the first performance of a Slovak opera in England, which will have ethno-historians leafing through their records, but Mecklenburgh is probably on a safe wicket, indeed one from which, strictly speaking, the covers have yet to be removed Benes was born in 1940, studied

with Cikker, has worked as dramaturg teaches musical theory in Bratislava. He has three operas under his belt, one based on The Emperor's New Clothes (1966), a good subject for a composer living under a communist regime. Petrified, a one-act chamber opera playing for 60 minutes, dates from 1974 and was written in reaction to the suppression of the Prague Spring: the title refers to the effect of that suppression on Slovak society, turned to stone rather than struck dumb with terror. Composers are never silenced. In the circumstances, though, Benes

The text is assembled from verses by the 19th-century poet Janko Král, and the structure is not dissimilar to that of Janácek's Diary of One Who Disappeared. A poet regarded with suspicion by small-town society loves Hanka; they clope but quarrel; she retirms to an arrranged marriage; he comes back in his turn and murder and suicide are the result. There are echoes, then, of Benes's musical language is inspired by influences from the south

rather than the west Bartok and Kodály loom large and there is a prominent part for cimbalom in the seven-strong instrumental ensemble. Characters are unslavishly associated with individual instruments, and the most eloquent writing is for voice in counterpoint with single-strand accompaniment The success of Thursday's premiere

performance rightly rested as much on instrumental as on vocal prowess:

Madeleine Mitchell's violin and Ingrid Culliford's flute were first amongst equals in the fine ensemble directed with calm assurance by Anne Manson. Oddly enough, in a small theatre like The Place balance is as much of a problem as anywhere else, and careless diction added to the obliquity of the action. It is especially frustrating when, right at the beginning, the answer to the repeated question "How is your son?" is each time inaudible. The action is laid out for the two

principals and an individually characterised chorus of six, though the designations in the programme dd presented in John Abulatia's expresionist production. But the impression of a society made ugly by spiritual beauty holding up a mirror to its own despair was powerfully conveyed, and the leading roles were beautifully surp by Patricia Rozario and Richard Halton. Elusive and oblique Petrified may be, but there is a haunting quality to it that lasts long after curtain-fall There are six further performances ending on December 5. R.M.

Legendary strong meat tensions to superb effect, with the aid of

forward. As in Birtwistle's opera The Mask of Or-

pheus, the tale is presented as a montage of different versions (including Scottish, Northumbrian and Danish variants). The

overlapping of these versions, together with their chanted refrains, builds a subtle inner tension that no straightforward narrative could achieve. Graham Devlin's production at the QEH on Thursday, with his own company Major Road, exploited these

Bow Down Queen Elizabeth Hall

abeth Hall Ben Ormerod's skil-ful lighting. The rhythm of the refrains might have been more sharply pointed, but I liked the shades of mood, not least the black humour, that Devlin drew out. The quality of declamation was generally good, and Verity Watts and Jules Davison as the sisters did justice to Sean Walsh's evocative choreography. The first item of the evening's triple

bill was Tigida Pipa by the American

THE OPERADEDICAL

composer Stephen Montague. The "lyrics", such as they were consisted largely of piosive consonants emunciated by four members of the ensemble accompanying themselves on modest percussion instruments. The formula may sound familiar but this was a breathcatchingly virtuoso display by both composer and performers.

The third work was Parabola by Andrew Ford, with text by Barbara Blackman, retelling the story of that early would-be astronaut Icarus. The events of the tale, and the unfortunate boy's trajectory, are neatly reflected in the arcing structure of the work. BARRY MILLINGTON

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VISUAL ART: New light on a familiar painting at Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery, and recommended shows elsewhere in the city

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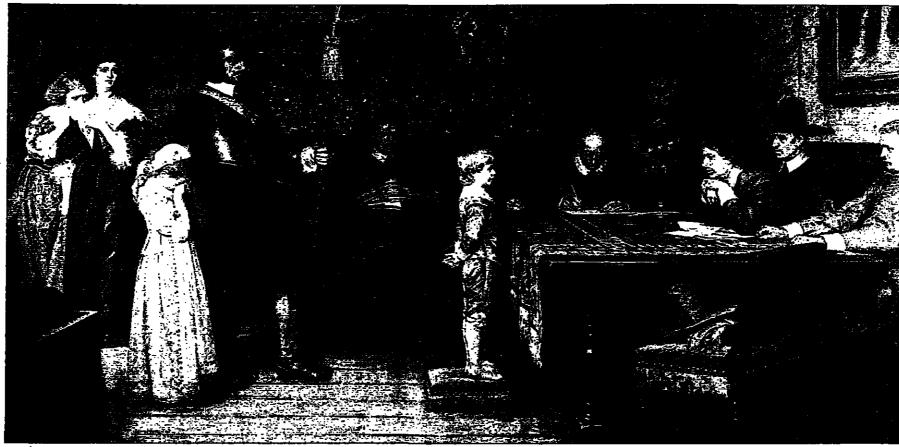
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Taylor on a famous Victorian canvas which offers insight into the nature of narrative painting

rancis Turner Palgrave. the creator of that arch-Victorian compendium The Golden Treasury, once observed with approval that the St John's Wood Clique painted the lost pages of history. When he "the lost pages of history". What he meant, of course, was that they approached the great movements history by way of personal anecdote. Not for nothing was the most famous painting the group produced. W.F. Yeames's And When Did You Last See Your Father?, the perfect crystallisation of 1066 and All That's Wrong-but-Romantic/Right-but-Repulsive definition of the opposing sides in the English Civil War.

It is undoubtedly one of the bestknown images in the whole of British painting. Even now, generations after it was last used as a standard schoolbook illustration, cartoonists can refer to it obliquely, applying it to any current political investigation, and feel sure the world at large will know exactly what they mean. The latest cartoon of this sort, in the catalogue of the And When Did You Last See Your Father? show at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, dates from 1990 (Prince Henry being asked the same question by the medial, but the show itself is able to slip in yet another, hot off this year's presses. The picture's persistence is a curious phenomenon, especially considering that probably not one in a thousand familiar with the

picture could name the painter. Indeed, in the show it transpires that even the things we think we know about the picture are mostly untrue. It is assumed, for instance, that since it stands as a sort of model of Victorian story-telling in



W.F. Yeames's And When Did You Last See Your Father?: probably one of the best-known images in British painting, but how many people could name the artist?

paint (it dates from 1878), its overwhelming fame must date back to Victorian times. But the Walker Art Gallery, which owns the picture, has kept meticulous note of all the occasions when it has been licensed for reproduction, which indicates that it did not really begin to be famous until after 1900. It was never the subject, like so many Victorian blockbusters, of a bestselling engraving, and took off in popular estimation only after it first appeared in illustration of a school history text in 1902.

Even if its inescapability has been significantly reduced today (the second and more faithful Madame Tussaud's tableau based on the painting was dismantled in 1989),

the painting itself is benefiting from a renewed interest in the narrative strategies of art: for a generation schooled in asking the right questions about Conceptual Art and reading the signs to determine the meaning, it no longer seems so irrelevant to decipher the significance of a weeping child or a nervously clutched string of beads. And examined carefully in this way, Yearnes's treatment of his Roundhead/Cavalier confrontation is more even-handed than it

at first appears. Clearly from other pictures in the show, the late 19th-century St John's Wood Clique, and indeed Victorian painters in general, were fascinated by the Civil War, its drama and its decorative appurtenances, but did not find it necessary to plump definitively for one side or the other. On the wall to the left of the entrance are pictures seemingly sympathetic to the romance of the dashing cavalier; to the right are those turned on, with the encouragement of Carlyle, by the moral fervour and lofty ideals of the Cromwellians. Frequently the same painters could happily appear in

While Yearnes obviously intends sympathy to lie with the interrogated boy, it is interesting that between the sketch and the finished painting he has made the boy older, more likely to be aware of the moral choice between telling a damaging

truth and a loyal lie. Nor are the Parliamentarians caricatured, as in Edgar Bundy's savagely coloured The Word, or presented as mon-sters. The overall effect is finally as ambiguous as Augustus Egg's (un-successful) project for a Palace of Westminster mural on the subject of Charles I Raising his Standard at Nottingham, where the heroic overtones of the incident are instantly subverted by the apocalyptic, doom-laden sky.

History painting and its effects on perceptions of history are at the moment sustaining a lot of scrutiny. In Spain, where the Prado's collection of vast 19th-century historical canvases has been retrieved from exile in provincial museums,

restored and put on show as part of Madrid's year as Cultural Capital of Europe, the interest is obvious, as is the problem: the sheer size of the paintings. Mercifully, most of our own Victorian history paintings are much more modest, and And When Did You Last See Your Father? has been well loved and looked after in Liverpool. The present show capitalises on its familiarity, but also persuades visitors to look at it with new eyes, and question how it signifies as well as

 And When Did You Last See Your Father is at the Walker Art Gallery 207 0001) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm, until Jan 10.

• STANLEY SPENCER: A SORT OF HEAVEN. Topical at the moment, with the publication logue raisonné of Spencer, this assemblage of Spencer brings to-gether all sorts and conditions, with the emphasis on the eccentrically religious (until Jan 7). Also Myth-Making, a rather arbitrary gathering of Abstract Expressionist American painting by Rothko. Pollock and Barnett Newman (until Jan 10); and Natural Order, some of the Tate's recent sculptural acquisitions, including works by Mario Merz and Rebecca Horn as well as the homegrown Tony Cragg and Anthony Gormley (until

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EXPRESSIONS OF BELIEF. An ambitious travelling exhibition originating in Rotterdam, receiving its only British showing in Liverpool, brings together ceremonial, ritual and personal objects from the various religious backgrounds of Africa, Oceania and Indonesia. Everything in the show has its function, but this can be obscure to outsiders, and the first requirement the show makes is aesthetic response, after which the visitor is invited to explore more deeply into the cultural context. Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street (051-207 0001). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, mid-day-5pm, until April 18, 1993.

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Jules Melvin as Tamar: a performance of radiant intelligence, passion and, where appropriate, humour

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THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston enjoys a lively new English version of a 17th-century Spanish drama on a biblical theme

eaders familiar with H Samuel xiii, or with Peter Shaffer's play, Yonadab, inspired by the same story, will know that King David raped by her halfbrother Amnon, who was then slain by her full brother, Absalom. For fratricide and vice, the family rivalled the early Roman emperors, although David wrote better verses than Nero. Tirso de Molina, the Spanish monk celebrated as the author of the first account of Don Juan, fleshed out the biblical details of Amnon's crime into the fulllength play translated here for the first time into English.

Paul Whitworth's version races along on its lines of unequal length, generally rhymed, and flexible enough to isolate the turning point of a character in a single line, as when Amnon declares: "1 need to think - no - change

The Rape of Tamar Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

the way I think." Yet the translation is snappy enough to point a joke with a rhyme. Tamar speaks an excellent example of this, after agreeing to act the part of an enemy princess her brother pretends he once loved: "Great plot. Let's give it a whirl. /Israeli boy with Ammonite girl." With language like this, the play can never be dull, or hardly ever. Perhaps the silverhaired David of Morris Perry is asked to greet the individual members of his family with rather ordinary and interchangeable homilies.

But generally the story grips.

Absalom's sheep shearing. This echoes a similar scene in The Winter's Tale; and when the bonny Absalom (Christoreckless behaviour in Henry IV comes to mind. Perhaps these are coincidences.

Again and again, Whitworth, who also directs, ani-mates the scenes with sharp glances between actors, scraps of dance or a striking tableau: Tamar naked, denouncing her brother, or Amnon's blood soaking into a table-cloth. Tirso does not account in

dramatic terms for Amnon's post-coital hatred of his sister, and by emphasising the man's hungry wildness (designer stubble, yet). Patrick Wilde sacrifices the charm he must have possessed to be the apple of his dad's eye. Nor is it clear why Tirso wrote the play, since it tells no moral. But it is splendidly acted by the cast of Theatre Manoeuvres, a company previously specialising in German classics, with a performance of radiant intelligence, passion and, where appropriate, humour from Jules Melvin's gamesome ROCK: Shonen Knife, the petite cult band from Japan

For the last year or so Shonen Knife has been the name to drop in respected rock circles. They Surfeit of sweets have been championed by the messiahs of the grunge revolu-tion, Nirvana, with whom they have toured. Their songs have on stage been recorded by art-rock pioneers Sonic Youth, Big Dipper and many others. They are the band that the big boys come

The bizarre twist is that the group could not be further removed from the spitting, the results bordered on the snarling heavy-rocker stereofarcical. Where they could be type. Shonen Knife are a trio of petite Japanese women deciphered, the lyrics to their from Osaka, who sing and own songs were outlandishly play (guitar, bass, drums) with fixed smiles, and end each

song with a genteel bow. This means they do a lot of bowing because their songs do not last very long. At the University of London Union they rattled through about 18 of them, including encores, in just under an hour. The rapid minimalism of their delivery. their tinny, punk guitar sound and their fondness for melodies which surf across the beat has led to frequent comparisons with the Ramones. And as with the Ramones there is a strange element of ambiguity in how seriously Shonen Knife

is intended to be taken.

In Japan they sing and record in Japanese, but over here they perform in English. Their command of the lan-

took the lead on a version of "Boys" (the song which Ringo used to sing with the Beatles),

odd or surpassingly silly. Dressed in their kitsch, short black skirts and leopard-skin patterned tights and waistcoats, the women played with serene application while fans among the packed crowd at the front lobbed jelly beans onto the stage. Shonen Knife may be fun-

ny, but they are no joke. Although the current album, Let's Knife, is the first to be released in Britain, they have years, and their show provoked an ecstatic response from this knowing London crowd. Amid the gloomy nihilism that pervades modern popular culture, they offer a rare opportunity to get seriously frivolous.

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Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson star in Stephen King's nevenological thriller. Mem-

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Moore, who adapted and directs the play, before the performance in the beautifully efurbished Criterion Theatre. Tickets are £23 which includes a buffet before the show. Tel 071-240 1690.

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Particularly as there is no knowing what dramatic byway Tirso will take his plot into. Now, one of Amnon's servants (Martin Hyder) launches into an absurdly gossipy account of doctors overheard comparing their fees; later, a wise-woman makes pointed prophecies as she gives the princes flowers at

TELEVISION REVIEW: new music on the screen Have faith in your talent

hat fun is it to point a camera at someone twiddling dials on a computer? Not a lot, which is why television had a problem with modern music throughout the Sixties and Seventies. Coverage became much more entertaining in the early Eighties, but that was less a tribute to any increase in the music's accessibility than to television's discovery of fancy computerised graphics. Suddenly, every sonic bar-

tering from the magic pen of Stockhausen could be made as palatable as a pop video. You could turn down the sound and just watch the screen explode in hallucinatory colours. Not what the creators had in mind, but no more illogical than listening to cricket on the radio.

The new breed of British composers needs less help from video gimmicks, being almost embarrassingly eager to write approachable music with a readily grasped mess-age. Not a few of them are also intensely and flamboyantly re-

Most straightforward was A Concerto for Evelyn, a film of Evelyn Glennie giving the Albert Hall premiere of James MacMillan's virtuosic percussion concerto Veni, Veni Emmanuel, which portrays the coming of Christ as nothing less than a violent revolution. But most revealing was Glimpses of Paradise, a whizz through the life of John Tavener. He began his composing career as a Highgate schoolboy, went through a flower-powered phase as composer-in-residence to Carnaby Street, and now writes huge,

mystical scores, steeped in

ancient liturgy.

Geoffrey Haydon's film cleverly intercut the present Tavener, collaborating with a nun on the making of his latest saintly opera, with hilarious scenes from an earlier film about the composer. Here was Tavener entertaining the beautiful children of the 1960s by playing badminton in the dark (that was a radical era. man) or singing operatic extracts in a bizarre falsetto.

about his music and philoso-phy since suffering a stroke and becoming converted to Orthodoxy. "We have lost the primordial roots of music," he said. "Music should be just one long arch, without renaissance, without change." His music did not contradict him.

The Cry of Iona was an opportunity botched. The first of five BBC "Advent" commissions to composers, it took Philip Wilby to Iona to make a video that might have been called "Apocalypse Soon". The film-makers did not exactly tax their imaginations over the imagery - bombers taking off, Africans starving, oil-polluted seas, currency dealers — and nor did Wilby's militaryband music sound too fresh. It isn't sufficient for composers to throw up hands in horror at all the world's miseries, and offer the musical equivalent of 'something must be done". They must also tackle William Blake's great unanswered question about the nature of evil: "Did He who made the lamb make thee?"

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EDUCATION

How should culture be imparted in a polyglot society? Two views of the way forward in Britain, at opposite ends of the age-range

The long march of cultural evolution

Every child must learn the key traditions that have made this country what it is, writes David Pascall

he 1988 Education Reform Act provides vision of a broad and civilising curric-ulum which gives children the opportunity to grow spiritually, morally, culturally, mentaly and physically. Now that the ten subjects of the national curriculum are in place, I wish to highlight the cultural dimension of education and to emphasise the key role of the arts in the school curriculum.

The word culture has three main meanings. One indi-cates a particular way of life and describes the customs, values and beliefs of a society. The key point is that the cul-ture of a society is defined by its political and social history, its religious and moral beliefs, and its intellectual and artistic traditions. Our modes of thought and feeling are de-fined by the culture in which

It follows that we must ensure that the curriculum provides young people with the cultural understanding they will need if they are to make informed choices which enrich their own lives and contribute to the development of society.

It may seem simplistic or even dangerous to refer in late-20th-century multi-cultural Britain to any one cultural tradition. Our society is certainly multi-cultural in that throughout our history we have welcomed people with different cultural backgrounds and have been enriched and influenced in many profoundly important ways by their cultures. But this does not mean we live in a society which has

traditions which have been developed over the centuries, which benefit from the rich cultural diversity of Britain on to subsequent generations. An important role of education is to ensure that every child growing up in Britain, irrespective of religion or the community in which he or she lives, is taught about key traditions and influences with-

in this heritage The first influence on the child will, of course, be the home. The underlying ethos and culture of the school also sends important mess about values through such

Schools should not be afraid to agree on core values and standards

things as the way the building is decorated, how staff and pupils relate to each other, the material presented at assembly, the variety of plays, con-certs and celebrations, and the contribution of the school to the wider community, as well as academic and sporting achievement. Schools should not be afraid to agree on core values and standards of behaviour to which they subscribe and which are communicated

The second meaning of culture is a general process of

damental purpose of education was to equip children to enter what he called "the conversations of mankind", conversations "begun in the primeval forest and extended and made more articulate in the course of centuries". If new participate in these conversations, they must learn some-thing of the achievements of cians, painters and historians

who have gone before. All subjects of the amiculum have a role to play in spiritual, moral and cultural development. Take science, for example. The pursuit of science rests on the recognition that the natural world is governed by laws which are independent of us and cannot be manipulated. This recognition, this concern for truth and knowledge, lies at the heart of education.

The third sense of culture is the participation in and appreciation of the arts in general and great art in particular. If one objective of the national curriculum is to swing the pendulum away from a narrowly conceived, utilitarian education to one which fulfils the inspiring aims of the Education Reform Act, then we need a convincing rationale for the importance of the arts.

One important answer is that the arts can be a source of great and life-long enjoyment. I am referring here both to the appreciation of art in all its many forms and the opportunity to participate directly in intellectual, spiritual and mor-al development. Michael play a key role in stimulating raise our spiritual, moral and



In rehearsal: children at Down Lane Junior School in Haringey, practising The Secret Diary for a School Prom at the Festival Hall last June

which is fundamental to

part of a civilising curriculum is that they can change the way in which we see ourselves and the world. And it is for this reason that the curriculum should introduce pupils to the excitement of great works of

the curiosity and creativity aesthetic consciousness and many pupils may never experience them outside schools.

A piece of music, a painting, a piece of writing may be a model of technical perfection but if it has nothing to say about values and fails to move or challenge us then it has no soul, no vitality. For most people, the great works which address their own condition are those which have grown

cultural tradition - for these are the works which address the questions and stir the memories of a shared past and Great art stems from the and from a search for mean-

refusal to sacrifice the reality of the particular experience to the

Academy have been invited to

play at the celebrations to

mark the opening of Japan's

"Science City" in Kansai and a

tour of the country by the

academy's chamber orchestra

is scheduled for spring 1994. A similar tour of Korea last

year did much to stimulate interest. "Recruitment is cer-

tainly helped when beoble car

see the academy in action,"

The academy first began

recruiting in Japan five years

ago and now has 30 Japanese

students. Auditions were held

in Tokyo earlier this month for

26 candidates wishing to enter

the academy next September, of whom 22 were offered

places. Out of a total 92 applicants auditioned in Tai-

wan, Japan and Korea this

The number of home stu-

year, 51 were successful.

Mr Thorogood says.

ly consoling, provides us with new insights into what it is to be human. Try to imagine," Mahler

said, thinking of the resounding hymn to the Holy Spirit Veni, Creator Spiritus which opens his eighth symphony, "the whole universe beginning to ring and resound. These are no longer human voices, but planets and suns revolving." If we were not moved by feelings of awe and wonder at the beauty of the world we live in, at the power of artists. musicians and writers to manipulate sound, space and language, we would surely be living in an inner cultural

Within a crowded curriculum, I have argued that knowledge and appreciation of great art and our cultural heritage is a priority. I have also emphasised the importance of participation in the creative arts. In developing this case. I do not wish. however, to dismiss the role of contemporary or popular culture. Education does need to take a lead in helping pupils to appreciate culture in its widest sense and in developing their critical faculties so they are able to make choices and apply an intelligent, discriminating attitude to popular

An understanding of why great art transcends its time why Shakespeare or Mozart has lasted -- can help us to be discerning in our response to popular and contemporary culture. Popular culture does, of course, play an important part in our lives. It can be very enjoyable and there is nothing wrong with that. Some of it may well survive our generation. But allowing the curriculum to be dominated by popular and temporary cultural movements will only serve to separate our children from their inheritance which has shaped our society today.

In the teaching of the arts as in every other area of the curriculum, we need to raise our expectations. Children need to be introduced progressively and sensitively to more demanding texts, pictures and pieces of music. All of us can appreciate moments of truth, of beauty, of pain, through our responses to a moment in music, art, literature and painting. These experiences and what we make of them lie at the heart of our humanity As parents and teachers, we need to develop these moments in the lives of our children and see that they are not wasted. The author chairs the National

Performance comes to the fore

The Royal Academy, the grandfather of music teaching, has jazzed up its courses

musical revolution that could bring new standards of excellence in international performances from symphony and opera to pop and rock is taking place in practice rooms and performance halls in the heart of London.

The Royal Academy of Music, founded by the royal charter of King George IV in 1822, has introduced in cooperation with King's College London, a series of courses that will for the first time combine performance with the academic study of music the most revolutionary change made by a conservatoire this century", the acade-

Jasper Thorogood, an aca-demician himself and director of the academy's international office, says that for too long some of the best musicians. had not considered the academy but had chosen university their courses ended in degrees, as opposed to diplomas.

The first 100 students on the E7,500-a-year Bachelor of Music in Performance course enrolled last September, with a further 90 signing up this year. Eventually all 500 students will be on the new regime, a master's degree is planned for next September and it is hoped that a doctorate



Japanese pupils at the Royal Academy: degree courses are more attractive to foreign students than diplomas

The four-year degree course, validated by King's College, offers 14 disciplines concentrating on performance but also offers a strong academic element of rigorous analysis, theory and musicology. All students take a core course but are given extra tuition in their specialisation, whether it is in early English music or rock and pop. Peter Shellard, the academy's director of development, says: "We are offering the best of both worlds and this is the only place where

that is possible. "It has been said that in the past there was a tendency for even the most brilliant performers to leave their brains outside in the Marylebone Road when they entered the academy doors. We want to make musicians think as well as to play. It sounds simple but it has not happened before."

As well as introducing the degree programme, the academy has broadened its musical approach, which might have found favour with previous students such as Elton John and Annie Lennox. Commercial and electronic suites have been opened to allow students to prepare for work in, for example, films and television. To complete the new feel at the academy, the Duke's Hall,

a 400-seat auditorium equipped to professional standards has just reopened after a £1.75 million refurbishment. In addition, Lynn Harrell, the American cellist, will take up his appointment as full-time principal next September. Mr Shellard says that Mr Harrell's appointment is one

of the most important the aca-demy has made and is essential to the aim of providing excellence in performance. Mr Harrell will continue to hold the international chair in cello studies and will maintain his world-wide concert programme in the four months when the students are not in

Taken together, the series of changes will also mean that the academy will be able to raise its international profile, expecially in the Far East and America, where in particular the lack of a degree course has put off some students. Mr Shellard says that the academy has deliberately reduced the number of students from about 700 some years ago to the present 500 in order to improve standards.

Mr Thorogood has no doubt that the changes, which did meet with some resistance. are for the best: "We were short-changing our students. They are all very robust but this place was too comfortable and cosy. We were providing diploma courses that were adequate for school teachers alongside a four-year performance course

Sir David Lumsden, the retiring principal, has been anxious to broaden the cultural mix and to improve the academy's international standing, organising ex-changes, foreign tours, overseas recruiting and the appointment of international performers such as Mr Harrell and Anne-Sophie Mutter, the violinist, as visiting professors. Musicians from the Royal

dents has been limited to 400 with about 100 coming from 40 other countries. Mr Thorogood reckons this number could rise by a further 20 or 30 students. All students enter the academy by auditions held by two or three professors: those overseas can attend one of a number of centres, in Seoul, Taipeh, Tokyo, Cincinatti, Philadelphia and at the University of California. Tape recordings are

ledge of the candidate. We do not want anvone in the back door," Mr l'borogood says. "We want bright-eyed and thinking people on the courses here and we want to see the whole person. High-class musical talent comes first, and we do have substantial scholarship funds, but if they come from countries that can afford the fees then that is a bonus."

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DAVID TYTLER

Getting the right result in the examination tables

hat on earth should par-ents think, caught in the crossfire of political claims and allegations which accompanied the government's publication of GCSE and A-level results?

Are they the lucky recipients, as the government proudly proclaims, of an information revolution, or the victions of a crude, incomplete,

mideading exercise? Forget the politicians' polemics and the embarrassing glitches. The real question is where do parents and teachers stand now that the dust from the initial launch has subsided, if not completely settled?

One thing is certain. Publishing information about examination results is here to stay. Parents want more information, and they will insist on having it. The question now is how we improve the method, analysis and presentation so that parents, on the one hand, are not misled and, on the other hand, schools with particular challenges

are not to be unfairly pilloried. The government must make credible changes. Unless it does, it will be vulnerable to the jibe that the results, as they were published this month, should carry a health warning for

Labour, in turn, must be seen to take part in the real debate. If the main opposition party is now prepared in principle to accept a system of annual publication of results, it must explain what modifications it would make if it were in government.

VIEWPOINT

Peter Smith

Teachers, meanwhile, must convince parents that they are not totally opposed to the publication of information but totally committed to improving the tables.

The improvement cannot be a

ourick fix. But even to say so is likely

to provoke the accusation that the ever prevaricating, ever pedantic, ever qualifying and time-wasting education establishment is seeking to do a Canute on the irreversible tide of public service consumerism.

That is not the case. The decision government quick fix to make one of its many charters look attractive. Now the really important job of making the exercise of genuine value to parents must begin.

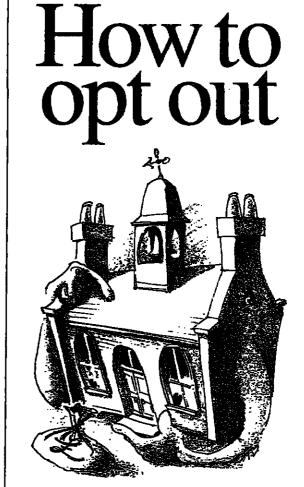
At the heart of that process must be resolving the potentially mislead-ing publication of raw examination data with the teaching profession's emphasis upon value-added statis tics, which many parents would find hopelessly confusing. It will be a complete waste of time to present raw and value-added statistics in parallel. The confusion of Pelion will be piled on the muddle of Ossa.

For the government, there is a further dilemma. How will parents understand testing and assessment results published from year to year, to publish in any form was a which reflect not merely the performance of children and schools, but shifting government decisions about the nature and content of the

national curriculum itself? What will happen in 1994, when the GCSE format changes? Then, the present GCSE grades A to G become levels ten to four. In some grades, there will be no direct correlation between the old and new

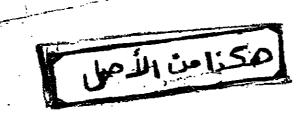
Parents are entitled to information about the schools their children attend, whether publicly funded or private. What is now needed is a cool, measured debate to judge how best to provide it. That will take time, but it would be time well spent.

● The author is general secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association.



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Pepper (Inspector of Taxes) v Hart

Before Lord Mackay of Clashiern. Lord Chancellor, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Bridge of Harwich. Lord Griffiths. Lord Ackner, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Browne-Wilkinson

[Speeches November 26]

As an aid to construing legislation which was ambigous or obscure or the literal meaning of which led to absurdity, the courts could refer to reports of debates or oroceedings in Parliament.

But such reference should only be permitted if it disclosed the mischief timed at or the legislative intention lying behind the ambiguous or obscure

The use of Hansard in such circumstances would not impeach or question the freedom of Parliamentary debate and would not be an infringement article 9 of the Bill of Rights 1689.

It was thus permissible to refer to the clear statements of legislative intent made in parliamentary proceedings for the purpose of constraing the ambigu-ous provisions for taxing benefits of directors and higher-paid employees contained in section 63 of the Finance

So construed the taxable benefits of staff at fee-paying schools provided with a concessionary lees scheme for their children's education was to be quantified on the basis of the marginal costs to

Following a hearing in July 1991 and a further hearing before a committee of seven Lords of Appeal, the House of Lords so held, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, dissenting in part, in allowing an appeal by the taxpayers, Mr J. T. Hart and nine others who in 1983 had been members of staff of Malvern College, from the decision of the Court of Appeal (The Times November 15, 1990; [1991] 2 WLR 483],

affirming the judgment of Mr Justice Vinelott (The Times December 8, 1989; [1990] I WLR 204) who had held that section 63 of the 1976 Act required the amount of the taxable benefit to be the difference between the amount paid under the scheme and a proper rateable proportion of the general running expenses of the school.

Their Lordships further held, Lord Mackay and Lord Griffiths dissenting, that without having recourse to Hansard, the Court of Appeal had been right to accept the Crown's case on statutory construction and to dismiss the appeal.

The taxpayers' sons were educated at the college at concessionary fees amounting to one-fifth of those payable for other pupils. The college had a discretion to withdraw the scheme at any time. During the years under appeal it had sufficient surplus capacity to take the taxpayers' sons without turning away other prospective pupils.

The taxpayers did not contest that for the purposes of Schedule E liability they had received benefits liable to be treated as emoluments of their employment They contended, however, that under section 63(1) of that Act the "cash emivalent" of the benefit was to be determined by taking into account solely the additional cost to the college of providing those boys with such items as food, laundry and stationery and dis-regarding the costs to the college of its

A special commissioner allowed the taxpayers' appeals against Schedule E raised on them for years between 1983 and 1986, concluding that their one-lifth payments had made good the cost of providing the benefits

Section 63 of the 1976 Act provides: "(1) The cash equivalent of any benefit chargeable to tax under section 61 above is an amount equal to the cost of the benefit, less so much (if any) of it as is made good by the employee...

"(2) ... the cost of a benefit is the

amount of any expense incurred in or in connection with its provision, and ... includes a proper proportion of any expense relating parity to the benefit and partly to other matters."

The statutory provisions are now in sections 154 and 156 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. At the July 1991 hearing, Mr Stephen

Oliver, QC and Mr Jeremy Woolf for the taxpayers; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown. At the further hearing, Mr Anthony

Lester, QC, Mr Jeremy Woolf and Mr Clive Sheldon for the taxpayers, Sir Nicholas Lyell. QC, Attorney-General, Mr Alan Moses, QC, Mr Timothy Brennan and Mr Rabinder Singh for LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON

said that the underlying subject matter of the appeals was the correct basis for valuing benefits in kind. But two question of much wider importance First, whether in construing ambigu-

ous or obscure statutory provisions th ric rule that the courts must not look at the parliamentary history of legislation or Hansard for the purpose of construing such legislation, should be Second, if reference to such materials would otherwise be appropriate, would it contravene article 9 of the Bill of

Rights 1689 or parliamentary privilege The case had originally been argued without reference to any parliamentary proceedings. But by the conclusion of the first hearing it was clear that examination of the proceedings in Parliament in 1976 which lend to the enactment of sections 61 and 63 might

give a clear indication which of the

intention of Parliament in using the statutory words. Thus the parties had been invited to present the further argument.

Under the present law there was a general rule that references to pariamentary material as an aid to statu tory construction was not permissible. The Attorney-General submitted that that rule had a sound constitutional and

If, it was said, statements by ministers as to the intent or effect of an Act were allowed to prevail, that would contravene the constitutional rule that Par liament was "sovereign only in respect of what it expresses by the words used in the legislation it has passed" per Lord Diplock in Black-Clawson Inter-national Ltd v Papierwerke Aldhof-Aschaffenburg AG (1975) AC 591, 615B). It was, he contended for the courts alone to construe such legislation.

But, as a matter of law, there were reasons for making a limited modification to the existing rule, subject to strict safeguards, unless there were constitutional or practical reasons which utweighed them. Subject to the questions of the privi-

leges of the House of Commons,

reference to parliamentary material should be permitted as an aid to the construction of legislation which was ambiguous or obscure or the literal ng of which lead to an absurdity. Even in such cases, references in court

to parliamentary material should only be permitted where such material clearly isclosed the mischief almed at or the egislative intention lying behind the ambiguous or obscure words. In the case of statements made in

Parliament, as at present advised, any statement other than that of the minister or other promoter of a Bill would be unlikely to meet those criteria. Stante law consisted of the words that Parliament had enacted. It was for the

courts to construe those words and in so 63 were capable of bearing that meandoing to give effect to the intention of Parliament in using them.

in many cases references to parliamentary materials would not throw any light on the matter. But in a few cases it might emerge that the very question was considered by Parliament in passing the legislation. Why in such cases should the courts blind themselves to a clear indication of what Parliament intended in using those words? Why should not Parliament's true intention be enforced rather than thwarted?

Was there any constituional objection to a relaxation of the rule? The Attorney-General urged that the use of such material would infringe article 9 of the Bill of Rights as being a questioning in any court of freedom of speech and rates in Parliament

Article 9 was a provision of the highest constitutional importance and was not to be narrowly construed. But it had been enacted to ensure that members of Parliament were not subjected to any penalty for what they said or, contrary to the previous assertions of the Stuart narchy, chose to discuss.

Relaxation of the rule would not involve the courts in criticising what was said in Parliament. Far from questioning the independence of Parliament and its debates, the courts would be giving effect to what had been said and done

Section 63 of the 1976 Art was ambiguous or ooscure. Repeated assurances by the Financial Secretary to members of Parliament when debating the 1976 Finance Bill amounted to a clear statment by the responsible minister stating the effect of the ambiguous words used in section 63. The intention was to assess in-house

benefits, and particularly concessionary education for teachers' children, on the marginal cost to the employer and not

ing and that was the meaning they

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should be given. If reference to Hansard was not permissible then, for the reasons given by the Court of Appeal, the Reve ions as to section 63 would be

As a matter of pure law in the instant case, Hansard should be looked at and effect given to the parliamentary inten-The Attorney-General, at the start of

the further hearing, had indicated that to do so might be infringing the privileges of the House of Commons. But he had not identified or specified the nature of any privilege extending be-yond that protected by the Bill of Rights. In the absence of a claim to a defined

privilege as to the validity of which a determination could be made, it would not be right to withhold from the taxpayers a decision to which, in law, there were entitled. The LORD CHANCELLOR said that

the benefit received by the taxpayers was the placing of their children in surplus places at the college if as a matter of discretion the college agreed to do so. Regarded in that light the benefit could not be held to include the cost

incurred, in any event, in providing education to fee paying pupils at the school who were there as a right in school who were there as a right in return for the fees paid in respect of them. The expenses incurred in pro-vision of places for fee-paying pupils were wholly incurred in order to provide

The benefit conferred on the taxpayer was one that followed only when it v determined that there were surplus

I noking at the matter from the point of view of expense incurred, no expense could be regarded as having been incurred as a result of the decision to

But the appeal raised a wider issue as to the extent to which reference could properly be made before a court of)aw to proceedings in Parliament recorded in Hansard. Such use could not possibly be thought to infringe article 9 of the Bill of

But, if such use was to be permitted, as a practical objection in almost every case statutory construction the parties legal advisers would have to study Hansard to see whether or not there was any belo to be gained from it. That would involve the possibility of an immense increase in the cost of litigation in such cases.

The costs of litigation were a subject of general public concern and his Lordship said that he would not wish to be a party to changing a well established rule which could have substantial effect in

increasing those costs.

The objections in principle to relaxing the rule were not strong and were it not for that practical consideration, agreed to be one of real substance, it should no longer be adhered to.

However the proposed exception was so extensive that it could not be supported in the present state of knowledge of its practical results.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that he would have construed section 63 in favour of the taxpayers without recourse

But, agreeing with Lord Browne-Wilkinson, he had long thought that the time had come to change the self-imposed judicial rule that forbade any reference to the legislative history of an enactment as an aid to its interpretation. Lord Keith, Lord Bridge, Lord Ackner and Lord Oliver agreed with Lord Browne-Wilkinson.

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Guarantor's right to loss relief for tax

Leisureking Ltd v Cushing (Inspector of Taxes) Before Mr Justice Chadwick

[Judgment November 18] A company, being one of several co-guarantors, that had alone met a bank's demand for repayment of irrecoverable debts, had a right to loss relief against corporation tax under section 136(4) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979. But the amount of that relief had to be restricted by taking into account by way of deduction potential contributions from the co-guarantors, including amounts recoverable by the company in the liquidation of an insolvent co-

guarantor. Mr Justice Chadwick so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Leisureking Ltd, but in part for different reasons, from the determ-Mr T. H. K. Everett, that restricted the taxpayer company's claim for relief against corporation tax of £2,115,014 to £700,000.

In 1985 the taxpaver company, same group, entered into a composite joint and several guarantee with Midland Bank whereby the liabilities to the bank of each of

Development Corporation

If the court granted time for the

expeditious hearing of an applica-

should likewise grant an ex-peditious hearing for an applica-

tion to discharge it.

Mr Justice Millett so stated in

the Chancery Division when (i)

discharging an ex parte injunction

Division preventing a secured creditor from enforcing his security

and (ii) appointing a provisional

liquidator on the summons of that

Mr Gavin Lightman. QC, for the creditor; Mr Justin Shale for

tion for an ex parte injunction, it

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment October 2]

the companies were guaranteed by all the other companies in the group as co-guarantors.

ment of the indebtedness of two of the companies who were unable to meet those demands. Thereupon a payment of £2,115.014 was made by the taxpaver company, by then being one of only three companies in the group that remained solvent, to the bank under the terms of the guantantee. The taxpayer company daimed the relief in respect of that whole sum. The inspector allowed the claim

but restricted the amount to £211,508. The commissioner increased the amount of the relief to £700,000, being one-third of the amount paid by the taxpayer company, on the basis that contributions pursuant to section (36(4) had been "payable" to the taxpayer company by the two other solvent companies. The Crown did not cross-appeal the commis-

Section 136(4) provides: "If, on a claim by a person who has guaranteed the repayment of a loan which is ... a qualifying loan. any outstanding amount of ... the loan has become irrecoverable from the borrower, and (b) the

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said

that the secured creditor was an

outstanding creditor in the sum of

some £9 million advanced to

promote the development of a site

In July 1992 he was about to

appoint a receiver under his

charge when the company antici-pated that action by obtaining an

ex parte injunction in the Queen's Bench Division, restraining the

secured creditor from enforcing his

The secured creditor was given

leave to apply on 48 hours notice to discharge the injunction, but when

he sought a date for such an application, the Queen's Bench

Division could not make a date available before November, if the

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under the guarantee ... this Act shall have effect as if an allowable loss had accrued to the claimant In 1988 the bank sought repaywhen the payment was made; and the loss shall be equal to the payment made by him in respect of the amount mentioned in paragraph (a) above less any contribu-tion payable to him by any co-

> Section 136 defines "qualifying loan" as a loan used by the borrower wholly for the purposes of a trade carried on by him. Mr David Milne, QC, for the

guarantor in respect of the

payment so made . . .

taxpayer company; Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown. MR JUSTICE CHADWICK

said that quantification of the taxpayer company's allowable loss 136(4) of any contribution that was "payable" to the taxpayer company by any co-guarantor respect of the payment to the bank.

The contentions advanced by both parties should be rejected in favour of a construction that accorded with commercial reality. The taxpayer company had lost that part of the payment made under the guarantee which he could not recover. It had not lost that part which it could recover but

hearing would take one day, and no date before January 1993, if the

His Lordship said that it re-

flected no credit on the administra-

tion of justice that the court should

be unable to make time available for an application to discharge,

where it had made time available

for the grant of the ex parte

If the court granted time for an

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That was particularly the case on the grant of an injunction restrain-

ing a secured creditor from enforc-

ing his security; for the grant of such an injunction was dependent

on the balance of convenience and

tion to discharge it.

hearing would take two days.

Expeditious hearing to discharge injunction

Further, the loss allowed to the taxpayer company was to be treated as having accrued at the time of the payment under the guarantee. That was also the time at which the amount of the loss was to be quantified. In particular that date was the date by reference to which it had to be ascertained whether there was "any contribution payable" to the taxpayer

company by any co-guarantor. The word "payable" should bear its ordinary meaning. Money was payable if it ought to be paid forthwith; and it ought to be paid forthwith when all conditions were satisfied so as to enable immediate navment to be called for.

But there was no reason why an amount so payable and which could be recovered in the liquidation of an insolvent co-guarantor should not be taken into account as a relevant contribution. Accordingly, unless the commissigner had been satisfied that the eight group companies whose contributions he disregarded were not merely insolvent but had no assets available to meet the claims

possibility of recovery from those eight co-guarantors. Solicitors: Eversheds, Norwich:

on an er parte application a critical factor in the equation was the time

gap before any hearing of an application to discharge the

His Lordship held that the

company was hopelessly insolvent but nevertheless continued trading

without an application for an order

validating transactions after the

date of the presentation of the petition to wind up.

In the circumstances there was a

strong public interest in ensuring that the company did not continue to trade, and accordingly he made

the appointment of the liquidator.

jurisdiction to discharge the order made "until further order" in the

Queen's Bench Division.

Richard Merrison.

He also held that he had

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Peter Clark, Jean Emma Crisp, Brenda Edwards, Bertha Emily Green, Muriel Ellen Jinks, Judith Ellen King, Ruby Ivy Marie Parsons, Agnes Dorothy Jane Par-tridge, Arthur Richard Sanders, of unsecured creditors, he had to disregard an ence Thompson, Arthur Pepper-

residuary beneficiaries.

corn and Violet Peppercorn. Mr. Thomas Dumont for the executors: Mr Anthony Mann, QC, for the first and second dants; Mr Stephen Lloyd for the third and fourth defendants: the fifth to sixteenth defendants did not appear and were not represented; Mr Jonathan Arkush

for the Peppercorns.

Crowden and Another v

Before Mr Jonathan Sumption.

Where residuary legatees signed a

document varying the terms of a will, the variation took effect as

soon as it was communicated to the

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC,

sitting as a deupty judge of the Chancery Division, so held in a

reserved judgment on a summons

issued by John Reginald Crowden and Dale Abblitt, the executors of

the will of Maurice Henry

Farrington, to determine whether the devolution of the estate of the

testator had been varied by the

The defendants were Audrey

Evelyn Aldridge, Freda Joan

Smart, Muriel Betty Toulmin,

Beryl Gladwyn, Joyce Abblitt,

Aldridge and Others

Judgment November 201

HIS LORDSHIP said that the testator died on August 3, 1987 leaving an estate of about £90,000. By his will, made some 2! years earlier, he left a legacy of £100 to Mis Violet Peppercorn and the residue divided equally among all-his first cousins living at the date of his death of which there were 16, the first to sixteenth defendants.

Mrs Peppercorn had been the testator's housekeeper and had been employed by his family for 52 years. She lived in a small bungalow provided for her and by the time of the testator's death she was receiving £2.50 a week for her services and paying rent of £1.50 a week inclusive of rates for her:

At the funeral Mr Crowden, an executor who had known the

Communication varies terms of will family for many years, informed the 12 cousins who were present of the terms of the will. He told them that he was concerned that Mrs

Peppercorn had received a legacy of only £100 which seemed a poor reward and made a suggestion that it be improved. The 12 cousins then decided hat Mrs Peppercorn should have ES,000, the testator's chattels and the freehold of the bungalow. They

signed a memorandum which provided: "I agree that the terms of the late Mr Farrington's last will be varied so as to give Mrs Violet Peppercorn all of Mr Farrington's personal chattels together with the freehold bungalow at 27 Washingly Road, Folksworth, of which she is currently tenant (tax-free) and to give a tax-free legacy of £5,000 to Mr and Mrs Arthur Peppercorn. I am prepared to enter into a deed to formalise this gift." There were

One cousin, Mrs Gladwin, suggested that Mrs Peppercorn, who was in the garden, should be invited in and told what had been done. But Mr Crowden said that he would tell her himself.

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Later in the afternoon Mrs Gladwin went into the garden and told Mrs Peppercorn: "You'll be all right. Violet: we have looked after you". Another cousin, Mrs : Aldridge, came out and told her that the bungalow would be hers. Finally, Mr Crowden spoke to her and told her that she would be

entitled to keep the bungalow and the personal chattels and receive a legacy of £5,000.

The four remaining cousins signed their copies of the memorandum either on the day of the funeral or within a few days

In the latter part of 1987 these generous sentiments faded. Four of the cousins, the first four defendants, who included Mts Addridge and Mts Gladwin, had

second thoughts. Their argument was that the memoranda were without legal effect either because they recorded only a willingness to enter into a legally binding document in future or because they were simply evi-dence of an inchoate gift revocable at any time before the transfer was actually made. Alternatively, if the

legally effective documents, then in the special circumstances of the funeral they had no intention by signing them to produce any legal

On their face the memoranda were intended to be immediately effective documents. They began with the words: "I agree that the terms of the late Mr Farington's will be varied ..." That was the language of present agreement.

When the signatory said in the second sentence that he "is pre-pared" to enter into a deed to formalise the gift, he was not postponing the legal effect of the document or reserving his final view, but merely saying what he would be willing if required to do. that is, to record in more formal terms the transaction which he was presently entering into. If the memoranda did, on their

face, have immediate legal effect, there were three possibilities: (i) the oranda were contacts to dispose of the interests of the signatories in the estate to the extent of £5,000 and the house and chattels: (ii) they recorded a gift by the signatories of part of their interest in the estate to Mr and Mrs Peppercorn; and (iii) they were a direction to the executors varying their obligations in the administration and distribution of

In his Lordship's judgment the third analysis was correct.

The leading modern authority was Commissioner of Stamp Du-ties v Livingstone [1965] AC 694].

It followed from the words of Viscount Radcliffe (at p707) that at the time when the memoranda. were signed, none of the sig-natories had any beneficial interest in the estate, but they did have a right, enforceable in a Court of Equity, to compel the executors to It was not in doubt that a will, or

more precisely the obligations of executors in administering an estate pursuant to it, might be varied by all the relevant legatees. The exact juridical analysis of such a transaction was obscure, but in this Londship's judgment, it op-erated in the same way as a unanimous direction to trustees by all the relevant beneficiaries under

a trust.
The memoranda took immedi-

ate legal effect as soon as all 16 of them were communicated to the executors, just as a declaration of trust by the residuary legatees in respect of their interest would have taken effect at once. The transaction did not depend for its efficacy on being communicated to

Mr and Mrs Peppercom. For the same reason it was not revocable as an incheate gift. Nor did it need to be effective as a contract or supported by

Next the dissentients said that the circumstances in which the memoranda were signed showed that they were not intended to have legal effect. They were like a domestic or social agreement which the law would assume to have been entered into without any

intention to create legal relations. That was irrelevant. In the sheepee of a sustainable ries of non est factum, the question whether an instrument executed by a person was intended to produce legal result had to depend on the impact which his outward words and acts would produce on an objective observer. Subjective intentions and reisproderstand could not determine the effect of However, his Lordship would

not have accepted that particular contention of the dissentients even if he had been persuaded that their state of mind was relevant. The cousins must have appre-

ciated that they had committed themselves there and then; otherwise they would hardly have suggested at the meeting that Mrs Peppercorn should immediately be told about it. None of the fifth to sixteenth

defendant who had sworn affidavits had suggested that they had any difficulty in understanding the In short, what had happened

was quite plain. The four dissen-tients understood exactly what they were doing but subsequently changed their minds. Accordingly there would be a declaration that the devolution of the testator's estate had been

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Sell-offs will put a head on Bass profit

IN A WEEK that heralds the start of the major brewers' reporting season. Bass, the brewing, hotels and leisure group chaired by lan Prosser, should report sharply higher

Gains from its pubs sell-off programme and lower finance charges, after last year's rights issue, should help final pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, to rise to £530 million (£430 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £495 million to £543 million. A dividend of 19.2p (17.8p) is predicted.

Analysts forecast relatively flat trading profits, with gains in brewing, hotels, leisure and soft drinks offset by a drop of about a quarter in pub profits, after the group's disposal of around 1,500 pubs during the

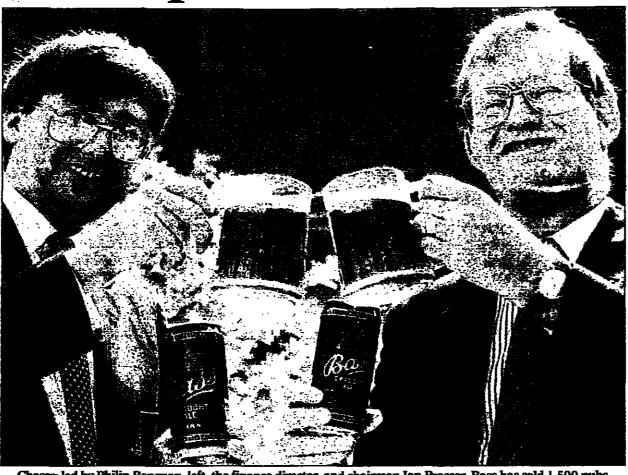
Cost-cutting should help brewing profits, which ac-count for about a third of group profits, to a strong advance. Bass, which is Britain's biggest brewer, should have outperformed a declining beer market and gained market share.

The Holiday Inns hotels division should earn higher profits as it outperforms a sluggish hotel industry and benefits from new franchise hotel rooms coming on stream. Leisure profits should be led higher by Gala bingo, while Britvic, the soft drinks company, which is 45 per cent owned by Bass, will have benefited from rationalisation and heavy expenditure on marketing.

TODAY

Scottish Power, the larger of the vertically integrated Scottish power companies, is expected to give shareholders a healthy first-half dividend rise of about 10 per cent, to 3.72p. County NatWest predicts that pre-tax profits will climb to £90 million (£82 million). Market forecasts range from £88 million to £95 million.

Raral Electronics and Chubb Security, recently demerged, are expected to report interim pre-tax profits of £22 million and £23 million respectively, according to Credit Lyonnais Laing. Profits



Cheers: led by Philip Bowman, left, the finance director, and chairman Ian Prosser, Bass has sold 1,500 pubs

growth will reflect the benefits

of substantial cost-cutting. Interiums: Associated Nursing Services, Borthwicks, Chubb Security, Crown Eyeglass, East Surrey Holdings, European Cotour, Greene King, Philip Harris Holdings, Hoskins Brewery, JLI Group, Kenwood Appliances, Leigh Interests, Marrydown Wine, Needler Group (03), Racal Electronics, Scottish Power, Scott Pictiond, Specialeyes, Verson International, Vistec Group, SW Wood Group.

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TOMORROW

drinks group that on Friday

effectively received the green light for its proposed tie-up with Carlsberg, the Danish brewer, is set to report relatively flat first-half profits

A resilient performance from the wines and spirits division should offset weaknesses elsewhere. Graeme Eadie, at County NatWest, expects interim pre-tax profits of £284 million (£289 million). Market forecasts range from E272 million to £300 million. A half-year dividend of between 7p and 7.3p is predicted, against 6.65p previously.

Allied's wines and spirits division, which accounts for about half of profits and boasts brands such as Ballantines whisky, Courvoisier cognac and Beefeater gin, should show a small rise, helped by gains in France and Spain, as well as a solid American result.

The Japanese market, however, will have remained difficult and the British and duty-free markets are likely to have been

The brewing division will see relatively flat profits, with beer volumes ahead of the overall British market, helped

by supply agreements.

Robert Fowlds, at Kleinwort Benson, expects final pre-tax profits at MEPC, the property group, to decline to £115 million (£143 million), with London values falling and interest costs up. A net asset value of 490p (608p) a share is predicted, with an unchanged

Interime: Alba, Cape, Caffyns, Christian Salvesen, Erskine House, GEC, Granade, Hanfson Industries, London & Overseas, Porter Chadburn, Rowlinson Securities, Tops Estates, Yorkshire Water. predicted, with an unchanged dividend of 20p. Interime: Allied Colloids, Allied-Lyons, Andrew Syless, Feedback, London Electricity, Lyons Irish Holdings, Norweb, Ortflerne International, Sterling Publishing, Firesis: Bass, Hurtingdon Internetional, Leeds Group, MEPC, Prospect Industries, Trafalgar House. Finals: M & G Group. Economic statistica: Overseas travel and tourism (September), UK official reserves (November), ad-vance energy statistics (October).

Full-year profits at Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks giant, will be held back by depressed margins and profits at Pillsbury, the American food operation, mainly because of weak consumer demand and pricing pressure, after bumper harvests of vege-table crops. Analysts expect pre-tax profits of between £920 million and £950 million. against £950 million last time. IDV, the drinks division which generates about half of group profits, should see prof-

its up, led by growth in Spain. Final pre-tax profits at Han-son, the industrial conglomerate, are expected to have declined to £1.05 billion (£1.32 billion), according to Kleinwort Benson.

Recession, competition, poor summer weather and the severe downturn in trading being experienced by the photoprocessing operation is likely to result in lower pre-tax profits at London International Group. County NatWest expects £15 million, before exceptional items, in the half year to September 30. Reported profits, distorted by excep tional items, should be ahead by 111 per cent. Market forecasts range from £14.5 million to £15.5 million.

Interim pre-tax profits at Scottish Hydro-Electric, the smaller of the Scottish power companies, should rise 11 per cent to £30 million.

WEDNESDAY

Keith Sykes, at Credit Lyon-

nais Laing, expects GEC, the electronics to engineering

giant headed by Lord

Weinstock to report interim

pre-tax profits of £360 million.

compared with £346 million

Market forecasts range be-tween £350 million and £360

million. Analysts will pay close

attention to what GEC has to

say about the position of its

last time.

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PHILIP PANGALOS

Greece plans to sell 35% telecom stake to foreign company

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

GREECE'S ambitious privatisation programme has taken a step forward with the govern-ment confirming plans to sell off 49 per cent of the state telecommunications business. It will retain 51 per cent of

the Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation (OTE), and sell 35 per cent to a foreign telephone company and 14 per cent to OTE's 27,900 staff and the public. The government, which is

being advised by NM Roth-schild, the merchant bank that sold British Gas to Sid, has has said it is determined to liberalise the market. But this is the boldest move so far, as it attempts to follow Britain's "popular capitalism" path.

The foreign buyer will manage the whole of OTE, investing \$7.\$10 billion in the next 10 years. This is how much OTE needs to compete with other European telecommunications companies, said Stephanos Manos, Greece's national economy minister.

OTE's is valued at about \$4.5 billion, with some ana-

lysts suggesting the price for the 35 per cent stake will be \$1.2-\$1.5 billion. OTE made a \$250 million profit in 1991

and expects more this year. International companies must register interest by December 11. Mr Manos said: "Under state management, OTE has spent millions in modernisation, but our 'phones are still a mess." The deal is expected to be finalised

by next spring. Mr Manos did not specify a price for the 35 per cent stake, but said only a big international company could afford the are about 30 telecommunications companies around the world capable of such an investment and 20 have already been in touch," he added.

Potential investors may include American Telephone and Telegraph, France Telecom. British Telecommunications, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp and Stet, the Italian state telephone

WORD-WATCHING ---

MARIE (b) Wozzeck's mistress in Berg's opera. She is seduced by the Dram Major, who boasts of his success, and beats Wozzeck when he refuses to drink with him. Wozzeck stabs Marie. Their child is playing with his hobby-herse, and does not understand when the other children tell him his mother is dead. V. heart-rending ending.

(c) The owner of the Pelka saloon in La Fancialla del West by Paccini. Set in California in the days of the Gold Rush, the opera tells of the love of Minnie for Dick Johnson, who is really a notorious bandit.

BLONDE (a) The English maid of Constanze, the Spanish lady and heroise of Mozart's Die Entführung aus dem Serail, the Abduction from the Seraglio, which sounds better in German. The Pasha is hot for Constanze, as his servant Osmin is for Bloade. Osmin reminds Bloade that she is a slave, but she retexts that she is a free-born Parkit was an and will be served by these English woman, and will not be cowed by threats.

FLORENCE PIKE (b) The bousekeeper of Lady Billows, doyenne of local society, in Benjamin Britten's *Albert Herring*. The action takes place in Loxford. Benjamin Britten's Albert Herring. The action states process the supposed to be a small market town in east Suffolk, and concerns the decision to choose Albert as king of the May, "to ensure virtue has its

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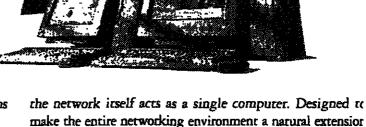
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Liverpool Bay gas project stalled by energy review

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

A £1.5 BILLION project to develop oil and gas reserves in Liverpool Bay has been stalled by the government's review of

energy policy.

Almost 300 workers have been laid off by the Hamilton group, a consortium that has spent more than £60 million on exploration and pre-production activity. The group says the project would create more than 1,000 construction jobs for three years, and many more among suppliers.

The economic viability of

the scheme to exploit four adjacent oil and gas reserves hinges upon an agreement to sell gas from the field to fuel a power station to be constructed at Connah's Quay, Deeside, by PowerGen, the

generating company.

But the developers fear the special merits of their project have been overlooked by Tim Eggar, the energy minister, who has declined to grant any new consents for gas-fired power stations pending the outcome of the energy review.

The Liverpool Bay reserves contain more than 1 trillion cu ft of gas and 200 million barrels of oil. Because the reserves are divided into four offshore fields, the only economic way to exploit them is via a common pipeline system.

Liverpool Bay gas comains high levels of nitrogen and sulphur, making it unsuitable for domestic use. But it can be burnt by industrial or power generation companies in large plants where the impurities can be properly dealt with.

To that end, the Hamilton group, made up of three Hamilton, Lasmo and Monu-ment, accepted a bid by PowerGen to buy the gas and set about developing the field. Ministers approved the sale of

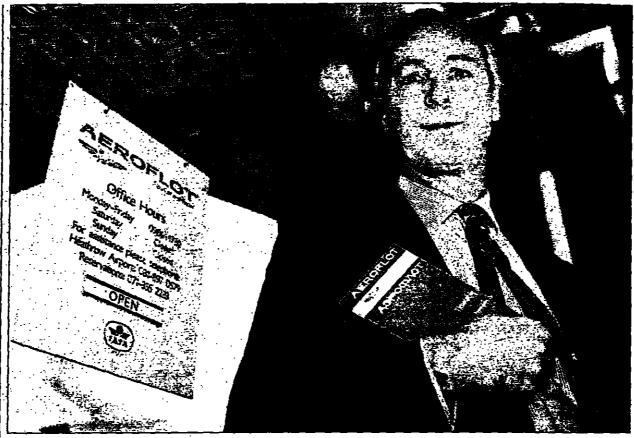
the gas for power generation.

The generating company applied in July 1991 for consent to build a 1,360 mega-watt, high-efficiency combined cycle gas turbine power plant at Connah's Quay. The plant would be on the sate of a disused nower station, and already has connections to the national grid. Moreover, it is little more than 20 miles from the proposed terminal where the gas would come ashore at Point of Air.

A colliery at Point of Air is among 31 earmarked for closure by British Coal. Tony Craven Walker, the chief executive of Monument Oil and Gas, said "We could give jobs to many of those losing their jobs at the mine. These are skilled men, and understand the energy industry."

But no consent has yet been received to build the power station, nor has the inspectors' report from the public enquiry into the gas terminal at Point of Air been made public. Pressure is growing for the government to enable some extra mines to be retained by halting construction of gasfixed power plants.

Building consent has already been granted for 21 plants, with a total generating capacity of 12,660 megawatts. Latest predictions are that only 8,000 megawatts to 10,000 megawatts of that capacity is likely to be built.



Taking flight Christopher Powell-Smith, 56, has taken over as the new senior partner of McKenna & Co, the British solicitor appointed to advise on the privatisation of Aeroflot, the

world's largest airline. McKenna bas been asked to provide advice on the sale of Aeroflot International, which runs flights from the former Soviet Union to more than 100 countries.

McKenna will also advise on a regulatory body to control agreements on flights from and between Soviet Union. Diary, page 38

China asks South Korean firm to build \$8bn road

By Colin Narbrough

CHINA has invited Pohang Iron and Steel Company (Posco), the South Korean industrial group, to play a leading part in the construc-tion of an US\$8 billion express highway to link Peking and Hong Kong, a distance of 1,500 miles.

Posco, the world's thirdbiegest steelmaker, has been asked by Shougang Corpora-tion, the Chinese state steel group, to start work on the project next year with a view to completion before Britain hands back Hong Kong to China in 1997.

Park Tae-joon, the Posco chairman, flew to Peking on Saturday to open negotiations with the Chinese, the company disclosed

The invitation to Posco to lead the huge civil engineering project comes only months after Peking and Seoul finally ended their post-war confrontation by establishing full diplomatic relations.

As usual, trade ties have moved faster than diplomacy and South Korean firms have already invested about \$300 million in China. The Korea Times wrote yesterday that the Chinese authorities has also ap-proached other South Korean companies, including Dong Ah Construction, to take part in the highway scheme.

The newspaper also said that Mr Park had been chosen as special adviser to Shougang on the construction of a cold rolled steel mill to be modelled on a South Korean works. The Chinese highway deal

should help South Korea further improve its balance of payments position. The current account has been in surplus for the past three months, but still shows a \$1.69 billion cumulative deficit for the first ten months of

The swiftness of the improvement in Peking's relations with South Korea appears to be part of a wider trade offensive by China. Xie Jiangun, vice-chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade. said Peking wants to expand direct trade ties with South Africa. He made clear that Peking now regarded South Africa as the most attractive market in Africa and an important source of mining and metallurgical technology.

Barbara Franklin, the American commerce secre-tary, is to visit China in the middle of the month to try to assuage Chinese fears that the Clipton administration could put further strain on Washingion's relationship with Peking. America is China's biggest western trading partner, despite the souring of political ties over human rights.

In Peking, Mrs Franklin will take part in the first general meeting for three vears of the Sino-American ioint committee on commerce and trade.

Leasing firms await boost from Autumn Statement

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE leasing industry is planning for a big boost in business as a result of initiatives in the Autumn Statement. These aim to permit the public sector to lease more capital goods and to encourage joint ventures between the pri-

vate and public sectors to bring

forward infrastructure projects. Tony Mallin, deputy chairman of the Finance and Leasing Association, said: "We have been pressing for a change in the rules for the past year because we see this as one way in which we can play our part in getting the country out of recession." He said the industry had enough capacity to finance extra public sector spending of £500 million to £1 billion a year. The continuing fall in private capital spending is shown by the results of the FLA. whose members finance about 30 per cent of business capital formation. Third quarter overall new business lending fell 8 per cent to £3.2 billion and lease business 15 per cent.

By contrast, consumer finance rose 1 I per cent to £2.8 billion, leaving total lending little changed from the second quarter. The burst in consumer finance may mean little because it was mainly due to increased car loans for August car registrations. More car manufacturers are also offering buyback options. There was some recovery in high street credit but lending linked to housing fell further.

Mr Mallin said the scope for leasing

by the public sector, to keep down the borrowing requirement, would depend on the bill to enact the Autumn Statement proposals. Key issues include whether capital costs of goods acquired via leasing will be counted within existing cash limits, how much risk lessors will be expected to take to qualify under the new rules and whether the relaxation will be extended to

areas such as health authorities. The industry sees its main opportunity in the same sort of capital goods that it finances for the public sector. such as the new trains for British Rail specifically permitted by the Chancellor. Mr Mallin said leasing is particularly suited to help the National Health Service buy expensive equipment that would enable savings on operating

costs. About a fifth of lease finance is for items worth more than £20 million, including offices and factories that may have a lease term of 25 years. The industry is already building expertise. and a rapidly expanding business. financing infrastructure projects for the privatised water industry, where leasing offers tax advantages. In principle, projects of £100 million or more could be financed by leasing.

The private sector element would have to be covered by direct revenue such as tolls. Government would have to inject capital on behalf of taxpayers to the extent that it was justified by noncash benefits. Competition by tender would encourage private sector pro-moters to provide finance covering the largest practical proportion of a project.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar 1.5105 (-0.0097) German mark 2.4186 (-0.0038) Exchange index 78.4 (same)

Bank of England official close (4pm) STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share 2077.5 (+41.6) FT-SE 100 2760.1 (+27.7) New York Dow Jones 3282.20 (+54.84) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 17470.61 (+437.01)

Equity peak does not signal recovery

The pound is not yet out of trouble, despite its sharp fall since Black Wednesday. The economy remains weak, interest rates will have to fall further and the budget and current account deficits are rising to unsustainable levels.

Although the stock market hit a record peak on Friday, this does not signal recovery. As Wall Street has shown over the past lew years, in the midst of a deep recession, rising stock prices do not guarantee recovery. They are a symptom of falling rates.

Economic prospects remain poor. Although there have been signs of life, such as retail sales data, it is still premature to talk of recovery. Britain remains mired in recession: there is too much debt and too little confidence. Real interest rates are still too high for people and companies to ser-

Meanwhile, those people with the ability to spend still lack the confidence to do so,

largely because of poor employment prospects. Any increase in spending before Christmas may thus prove temporary, particularly as the corporate sector continues to retrench. Expect stocks to fall, investment to decline and unemployment to rise to 3.4 million by the end of next year.

Falling house prices will also reduce the personal sector's wealth-income ratio, resulting in a higher savings ratio and limiting spending This suggests still lower base

rates are required to guarantee recovery. Naturally, the authorities will be cautious, waiting to assess the impact of monetary easing on spending. The futures market is pointing to 6 per cent rates by the summer; but rates could reach that sooner and decline further. The dollar fell in the past year because of lower rates and weak growth, despite appearing favourable on purchasing power parity. The same is likely to happen to sterling. even against European curnencies and certainly against sterling's fall may not be fully the dollar. sterling's fall may not be fully evident. Exporters may try to The danger for sterling,

though, is not just that recovery may be delayed but that even if demand picks up next year, the economy will still be in difficulty. It will not enter a period of sustained growth but will experience weak, imbalanced growth, with either the current account or Budget def-

There is too much debt and too little confidence'

icit undermining sterling. The sizeable current account deficit is not just a legacy of sterling's uncompetitive ERM parity. It largely reflects structural problems. In particular, Britain does not produce enough high-quality goods any more. Hence there will be a further increase in import penetration, which will limit growth.

The benefit to trade from

rebuild margins squeezed during sterling's ERM days. This factor, and recession on the Continent, will limit export growth. Also, the inflationary impact of sterling's fall may be limited next year as imponers' margins are squeezed.

The budget deficit, meanwhile, needs to be financed through higher savings from the private sector, or the overseas sector. This points to downward pressure on ster-ling, higher yields, or both.

International investors remain wary of gilts. Either ster-ling needs to fall to such an attractive level that international investors want to buy gilts. or gilt yields must rise to offer a sizeable premium over hardercurrency European markets, offsetting supply and exchange-rate risk

Even if the deficit is financed through domestic sources, long yields have to remain high. Rates will have to remain attractive to increase in-

surance and pension fund holdings of gilts. Even if the funding rule is changed, allowing banks and building societies to fund the deficit. this will either ration the amount banks lend to the private sector, or force banks' deposit rates to become more compentive as they raise funds to lend to the government. Higher rates will clearly crowd out oth-

er lending, limiting recovery. While it may appear more desirable to allow sterling to fall, further declines could add to longer-term inflation worries, and this could push up yields anyway. This points to a much steeper yield curve, as seen in the US this year. Shortdated gilts will remain attractive, as the economy's weakness will contain inflationary pressures in 1993, allowing scope for interest rates to fall. But longer-dated yields will have to rise, as the Budget deficit will be difficult to finance.

> GERARD LYONS DKB International

Japanese plan to move upstream jobs to Asean

FROM AP IN MANILA

JAPANESE companies are planning to relocate main production facilities from Japan to Southeast Asian countries, a Japanese business leader said.

Masaru Hayami, chairman of the Nissho Iwai Corpora-tion, said a recent survey showed Japanese firms were willing to move from merely setting up assembly plants in Asia to relocating upstream facilities as they have in America and Europe.

Mr Hayami, who is head of the Japan Committee for Economic Development, a corporate group, said Japanese business leaders "realize we co-operation" with members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean), which have the world's highest economic growth rates. Mr Hayami indicated this

have to go to a higher stage of

will entail more direct foreign investment in manufacturing intermediate goods, such as paris and components for automobiles and electrical appliances, as well capital goods. Asean consists of Brunei. Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thai-

land. Mr Hayami speaking at the end of the annual Asean-Japan business meeting in Manila.

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BUSINESS COMMENT

Putting more bite into Cadbury

ir Adrian Cadbury's committee, examining the money side of corporate governance, has come under some heavy pressure from industry since it issued its interim report in the summer. Some top businessmen fear its proposals might turn their nonexecutive directors into boardroom referees, policemen or even spies for institutional shareholders. Paranoia is abroad, breeding suspicion that directors who are not wholly "one of us" would become "one of them" and could not be trusted as part of a unitary board team. This seems somewhat theoretical. The non-executives would be the same people as they are today, behaving in the boardroom according to individual character more than formal relationships.

The fear remains, exposing the central weakness of the initial Cadbury proposals. They had little hope of working unless boardroom roles do change in practice. Any significant watering down of the enhanced role planned for non-executives, in the committee's final report, would be viewed with dismay elsewhere. The interim proposals were a compromise solution to the perceived lack of accountability of strong-willed entrepreneurs. They avoided two-tier boards, which are anathema to British business, and did not require legislation. which the government does not want.

Last week's green paper from the Auditing Practices Board underlined the frailty of the Cadbury compromise. Coming from the opposite direction. the APB questioned whether audit committees of non-executives would provide an adequate guarantee of auditors' independence, precisely because of the unitary board culture. To bridge the gap, the APB put up various possible ways to link auditors to the shareholders to whom they are theoretically responsible, or at least to the big institutional investors that have some clout with the board.

The most intriguing is to create something like the City Panel, which referees, interprets and enforces the code on takeovers and mergers, to perform that role for Cadbury's code of corporate governance. Roger Davis of Coopers & Lybrand, a member of the APB's working party, expounded the idea last week in a lecture to the Society of Conservative Accountants. Like the takeover panel, this new body would be voluntary but include representatives of all main City and business interests, so that its judgments would stick. Aggrieved shareholders and lenders or worried auditors could go to this panel to complain or seek guidance. The panel would call in the principals and adjudicate.

Such a body might not strike quite such fear into the boardrooms of large multinationals as the takeover panel does in the City parlours of banks or securities houses. With full support of the Stock Exchange and fund managers, it might well do the job. The final Cadbury report certainly needs to come up with some more convincing way to enforce its code. The alternative is the heavy hand of the law.

Focusing on the wrong questions gives Auntie a new lease of life

Anatole Kaletsky

takes some comfort

from the failure of

ivory-tower experts to get to the heart

of BBC economics

resident Reagan once defined an economist as someone who sees something working perfectly well in practice and then asks: "But would it work in theory as well?" Nowhere has the pernicious influence of ivory-tower economics been more evident than in the persistent undermining of one of the few British institutions that could fairly be described as working well - the BBC.

This is why last week's green paper on the BBC was not only important for the future of broadcasting. It also symbolised Britain's transition from the frenetic economic radicalism of Margaret Thatcher's 1980s to the cautious conservatism of John Major's "nation at ease with itself".

Gone was the Thatcherite faith that competition would automatically solve every dilemma of broadcasting quali-ty, regulation and finance. Gone was the presumption of guilt against any "establish-ment" institution, especially if it was publicly funded. And gone was the enthusiasm for change for the sake of change.

For these omissions, Peter Brooke, the new heritage secretary, deserves congratulation. But both sides in what now promises to be a great non-debate on the future of broadcasting, now so deter-mined to dodge the unpopular pitfalls of the radical 1980s, have ended up ignoring the genuine questions which have to be answered even on a conservative agenda of preserving and rebuilding the quality of the BBC.

HOW BROADCASTING WILL BE FINANCED WHO WILL GET THE SUBSCRIPTION MONEY Cable operators

The three broad questions have been clear since the debate on the BBC's future began in the early 1980s. Should a large non-commercial broadcasting institution like the BBC exist? If so, what should it do? Given this remit, how much public money should it receive and how should that money be raised?

To any observer of broadcasting standards around the world, the order of importance

among these questions should have been obvious. The first one was hardly worth asking. Broadcasting in Britain was so much better than in America and other purely commercial markets, that the idea of doing vay with a publicly financed BBC was patently absurd.

The third question, about

financing, raised some important issues. The licence fee was equivalent to a socially regressive poll tax. Yet the costs of broadcasting production were rising more rapidly than retail prices, implying steadily higher licence fees if the quality and the quantity of BBC output were both to be preserved. On balance, financing was proba-bly a case for letting sleeping dogs lie. A licence fee indexed to retail prices seemed broadly acceptable to the public and the BBC could always try to make a case from time to time for an increase in real terms. It could also find large additional resources by making itself more efficient and by taking advantage of opportuntities to sell programmes that did not conflict with its non-commercial remit. Above all, it could redirect its available funds from low priority areas to others that justified expansion. In the long run, the redefini-

tion of priorities was bound to be the main way of releasing the new resources the BBC would need to maintain the quality of its output. Thus, even the issue of financing should rapidly have devolved onto the second and most fundamental question in the BBC debate: what is the BBC supposed to do? This question. unlike the ones about the BBC's very existence and its financing raised the kind of aesthetic, cultural and political issues that governments and public institutions should adress at least once a decade.

Yet in the great debate about the BBC which started with the Peacock Report of 1986. and seems to have ended to all intents and purposes with last week's green paper, the crucial question of what the BBC should do has been completely overshadowed by the two red herrings of the BBC's right to exist and its financing.

he reason was that the economic theoreticians who dominated all public policymaking in the 1980s got the order of priorities in analysing the BBC precisely wrong. The Peacock Committee thought the main issue was whether a publicly financed BBC should exist in a competitive broadcasting market. Having decided that public brodeasting should eventually be phased out, they saw financing as essentially a transitional problem, until the competitive brodcasting market was up and running. The question of what, if anything, public broadcasting was for, could be settled by watching the competitive market evolve and setting up an "arts council of the air" to plug any cultural gaps left by competition.

The economists who wanted to abolish the public funding of the BBC dreamt of a fully unsubsidised market in broadcasting, just like the market for newspapers, magazines and books. Such a market, they believed, would become possible in the 1990s because of the proliferation of cable and

satellite channels, and the development of technology that would allow viewers to pay directly for each programme they watched. Dozens of competing channels which sold their programmes directly to viewers would elimi-

was ultimately controlled by adventisers, rather than viewers themselves. Like many of the theoretical models constructed by economists, this vision of a broadcasting market was both politically and logically appealing. It was also divorced

nate the market failures associ-

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from the real world. There are many purely economic arguments why a competitive broadcasting market might not, on its own, produce all the programmes that viewers wanted to see. For example, the marginal cost of showing a programme to an additional viewer is zero. Thus broadcasters will always want to attract more viewers and sell" them to advertisers: profitable programmes will always be those with mass appeal.

Another inherent "imperfection" is the very high and indivisible cost of production. Expensive programmes can only be made in a purely commercial market if they attract very large audiences; but the more fragmented the market becomes the harder it is to assemble the necessary critical mass of viewers. As a result, broadcasting markets naturally tend to become concentrated among a small number of competitors, however

is a more telling practical objection to the free-market approach of the 1980s — it fails to reflect events in the

The 1980s idea that a broadcasting service comparable to the present BBC could eventually be financed on a pay-per-view basis reflected projections made about the rapid growth of cable and satellite TV. These hopes of rapid growth have been fully vindicated, not only in Ameri-ca but increasingly in Britain as well. By 2000, satellite and cable subscription revenues are likely, according to the BBC's own projections, to be 40 per cent more than the money collected by the licence fee (see top chart).

dence, both in Britain and other communies is that viewers will not spend significant amounts on subscriptions for general-interest TV. As Tim Congdon and other economists showed in their recently published handbook on broadcasting finance, almost the whole growth in TV subscription revines has gone into "premium" channels showing movies and exclusive sports events. "Very few viewers are willing to pay signifi-cant amounts for other types of programmes", this study notes. Indeed, as the lower chart shows, the amounts of subscription revenue going to "basic" programme providers is expected to remain negligible until the end of the century, despite mushrooming sums spent on pay TV as a whole.

This is hardly surprising. If viewers can get their general TV free, from advertising based channels, why should they volunteer to pay high subscriptions? Even if all viewers had to pay something for all TV programmes, the ones that carried advertising would be far cheaper and would soon put out of business the ones that did not. In the end, most pay-per-view TV would become just as dependent on advertising as commercial channels are today.

And why shouldn't they? in any free society, advertisers will play a dominant role in financing broadcasting, just as they do in financing newspapers. But experience suggests that the dominance of advertising may also limit the choices available to viewers, because the costs of making TV programmes are so much higher than the costs of pub-

lishing newspapers.
Some time well into the next century, it is conceivable that the choice offered by pay-TV will overlap and supplant what the BBC has to offer. The Peacock Commission's recommendation that all new televisions sold should be fitted with pay-TV technology would have given this possibility a significant push. Ironically, however, this one constructive idea was ignored amid the furore over whether the BBC should be phased out. For the foreseeable future, people in Britain will feel lucky to have a publicly funded BBC, even if it lacks a clear sense of direction. hard anti-trust authorities may try to break them up.

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THE TIMES

Bikes bearing bad news

REDUNDANCIES at Me-Kenna & Co, the City solicitor, have caused more bad feeling than usual. Staff left one evening last week, suspecting nothing, until messengers on bikes arrived at their homes with letters telling them of their dismissal and requesting them to attend meetings at the Aldersgate offices next day. Stephen Whybrow, managing partner, says he and col-leagues had "long discussions" before making the announcements that way. We thought most people would prefer not to be told in the company of colleagues who were staying," he says. Furious ex-employees dis-agree. One says: "It was extremely insensitive and badly handled. I'd much prefer to have heard directly from my boss rather than being told by

letter in front of my family. Music SOME

musical about Britain's brief membership of the exchangerate mechanism, one day? Stranger things have already happened, according to The New Palgrave Dictionary of Money & Finance, published by Macmillan. It includes an analysis by an American academic of The Wizard of Oz as a cunningly coded attack on the impact of the gold standard on the depressed American economy of the 1890s. As you will recall, those who have to "follow the yellow brick road" consist of the indomitable Dorothy, plus a bewildered bunch lacking brains, courage and a heart. At least it should not be too difficult casting today's politicans in their appro-priate roles. Any suggestions for the cowardly lion?

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Cowardly: Oz's lion

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ton, the motor-cycling chief ex-ecutive of Lloyd's of London. promises to surprise the City further. The event raised £40.000 last year.

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ON THE 26th day before Christmas, someone kindly sent the City Diary a mailing list with a touch of the Yuletide spirit. Maids-a-milking are in short supply but there are 41 lords, 140 ladies, a bishop, a brace of earls, three air vicemarshals, four venerables, five judges, ten major generals and 12 canons. The presence of 16,000 doctors may give the game away. All were among the 250,000 people including 180,000 plain misters - who applied for the Wellcome prospectus earlier this year. Matrix-Data sent out the original Wellcome mailshot and has bought the list with an eye to the forth-coming BT share issue Doubtless, it will have then drummers out there drumming at the government's door before too long.

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6.00 Coefax (61450) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (98636295) 9.05 Ceetax (61450) 6.35 BBC Breatcast News (98530295)
9.05 Kiiroy. Robert Kiroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (3908011) 9.45 Ross King. Game show. The guest is Jason Riddington from the cast of Casualty (s) (5338663)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7227160) 10.05 Playdays. For the young. Includes a visit to a Nottingham bicycle factory (r) (s) (5537780).

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10.30/100d Morning ... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine 5 sales presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (42076160)
12.15 Pabbie Mill. Alan Titchmarsh is joined by Kim Criswell, a member of the cast of *Annie Get Your Gun*, who sings two numbers from the show (8) (9777769) 12.55 Regional News and weather (78807498)

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1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42096160) 1.50 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (s) (4209276)

2.15 Paradise. Western drama series. When the body of a girl is found in the woods, suspicion falls on a newcomer to the town (3529837)

3.00 Famility Affairs presented by Gloria Humiford and Caron Kesting. Includes an Item on how money difficulties. can affect family relationships, advice on coping with stress-related illnesses and an idea to help children understand computers (2160)

3.30 Tom and Jerry Double Bill. Cartoons (4297943) 3.45 PC Pinkerton (r) (1118059) 3.50 Wildburch. The wildlife series looks at why beavers eat wood (r) (s) (4284479) 4.05 Gordon T. Gopher (r) (2700562) 4.20 Watt On Earth. Episode five of the 12-part science fiction comedy thriller (s) (9456437) 4.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates. (Ceefax) (s) (6105672)

4.55 Newsround (6495672) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (6581585) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (894108). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulister

6.00 Stx O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceelax

Weather (951)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (363). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (4769)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs series presented by Lynn Faulds
Wood and John Stapleton. (Ceefax) (547)
8.00 'Allio 'Allio! As the war draws to a close von Klinkerhoffen concocts
a plan to assassinate Hitler and René is rumbled by Edith. (Ceefax)

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(s) (2419) 8.30 Get Back. The Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran comedy about a working-class family hit by the recession. This week, as Bernie and Lucy announce their engagement, Martia sees a chance to buy Bernie's council flat — to the horror of his wife Loretta. (Cestax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceelax) Regional news Nine O'Clock reews war microsof been (5504)

Panorems: Why Pay For Auntile? A look at the options for the BBC following the publication of the green paper and the corporation's response. Among the contributors are John Birt, David Melior, Ann Clywd, Melvyn Bragg, Yerity Lambert and Sir

David Attenborough (390127)

10.10 The Richard Dimbleby Lecture, introduced by David Dimbleby from the Banqueting House, Whitehall. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, discusses the judiciary in the nineties (911769). Wales. Between Ourselves 10.40 The Richard Dimbleby Lecture



Oscar-winning roles: Maryl Streep is interviewed (10,50pm)

10.50 File 92 with Barry Norman. An in-depth interview with the actre May Streep (s) (697837). Northern Ireland: In Performance 11.25

11.30 Come Dancing presented by Rosemarie Ford. London South meet Manchester for a place in the final (s) (524837). Weles: 11.55 Film 12 nsati Careering Ahead. News from the world of training (r)

(\$155265). Northern Ireland: Come Dancing 12.40-1.10 Careering

12.35 Weather (5864807). Wales: Careering Ahead 1.05 News and

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (4098837) 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of news from both Houses (4071160)
8.30 Collecting Now. John FitzMaurice Mills on techniques used by artists through the ages (f) (1393382) 8.50 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé newsclips from this week in 1952 (2449127)

9.00 Six Scottish Burghs. Professor Andy MacMillan on the history and architecture of Kelso (30856) agameeruse of Neeb (30656)
9.30 Film: School For Secrets (1946, b/w) starring Raiph Richardson and Richard Attenborough. Second world war drama about a group of British scientists working on developing radar Directed in precoccus style by the young Peter Usinov, who also wrole the

precocious style by the young Peter Ustinov, who also wrole the acript (27631634).

11.10 Film: Tarzan the Ape Man (1959) starring Denny Miller A routine remake of the first film adventure of the Edgar Rice Burroughs jungle hero. Directed by Joseph Newman (3484108).

12.30 Growing Pfaces. Geoffrey Smith visits the Leeds garden of Joe and Fineda Brown (r) (24297450) 12.40 Great Little Railways The line from Guayaquili to Quito in Equador (r). (Ceefax) (3583108).

1.20 Pingu. Animated adventures of a young penguin (r) (73298769).

1.25 Johnson and Friends. For the young (85181565).

1.35 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Firle Place, a Georgian house on the Sussex downs (r) (73613721).

2.00 Mews and weather (91474769). 2.05 Michael Barry's Chokes Cuts. Puddings (70723363). 2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (r) (394491). Northern ketand: The Victorian Kitchen Garden 2.45 To Lativia With Love. Lativans visit their country for the first time in nearly 50 years (8011194).

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3.00 News. (Ceefax) Weather (9884450) 3.05 Songs of Praise from the Winter Gardens on Glasgow Green (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8569586) 3.40
A Week To Remember (b/w). Shown at 8.50am (1191382) 3.50
News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1197566)
4.00 Catchword. Game for wordsmiths hosted by Paul Cola (s) (276)
4.30 Behind the Headlines presented by Jane Corbin (160)
5.00 The Comics. The tife and work of northern cornectan Sandy Powell (b) 2547)

(r) (2547)
5.30 The Living Garden. Unusual places that plants make their homes(r). (Ceetax) (740)
6.00 The Addams Family (b/w). Vintage ghoulish comedy. (Ceetax)

(638905) 6.25 DEF II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American comedy (s) (726634) 6.50 Dance Energy House Party. The guests include Brand New Heavies, 2 Unlimited and Dina Carroll (s) (266653) Shakespeare: The Animated Tales. Romeo and Juliet, narrated by Felicity Kendall (s) (189)



Swotting for the final exams: mature student John (8.00pm)

8,00 Doctors To Ba.

 CHOICE: Final exams are looming for the asptring medics and another very watchable film follows four of them through the last another very watchable film follows hour of them through the last stages of revision and the nail-biting round of vivas, practicals and written papers. The quartet have been shrewdly chosen as contrasting examples. Ese, who has featured previously in the series, is one of the lew black candidates and worded that her colour may tell against her. John is a mature student in his thirties who has been supported financially by his wife. Fey, a single mother, combines swotting for the finals with looking after four boisterous children. Will is another mature student, dogged by the fear that he will be let down by nerves. As the cameras prepare to pick up every nuance of triumpin or disappointment it will be an insensitive viewer indeed who does not feel thoroughly involved. (Ceetax) (773189)

8.50 Vintners' Tales. Jancis Robinson meets Dr Arabella Woodrow who

buys wines for the Co-op. (Ceefax) (s) (668011) 9.00 Film: His Mistress (1984) starring Robert Unch, Julianne Phillips and Cynthia Sikes. Soap-opera type drama about an unhappily married industrialist who embarks on an affair with an ambitious junior executive. Directed by David Lowell Rich. (Ceefax) (9295)

10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Payman (324479) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (865586) 11.55 Behind the Headlines (r) (771108) 12.25am Weather (1235081)

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am (6040176) 9.25 Kaynotes. Music game show hosted by Alistair Divali (4541450) 9.55 Thames News (5513189) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Discussion programme (5889419)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (90808059) 12.10 Roste and Jim. Children's pupper series (r) (2712547 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (3590498) 1.05 The

News (58048011) 1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama senal. (Oracle) (499045)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama senal set in the Australian outback (s) (849586)

2.15 Thames Help Volunteering opportunities in the London area (794437) 2.45 Families. Soap linking the north of England with Australia (1571996) 3.10 ITN News headines (9802856) 3.15 Thames News headlines (9801127) 3.20 The Young Doctors Drama set in an Australian

city hospital (3188566)
Wowser (r) (1184092) 4.00 The Sooty Show With Matthew
Corbett (s) (3046160) 4.25 Beetlefuice. Spoof horror cartoon
series (r). (Cestant (4046634) 4.50 Brill. John Ecclestone tries

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (8575924)
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5.55 Thames Help (r) (371108)

5.35 Inames Reap (f) (371105)
6.30 Home and Away (f) (Oracle) (479)
6.30 Thames News (289)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. The grand final and also the 250th edition of the brain and brawn contest, presented by Gordon Burns. The guests include the England rugby union captain Will Carling.

Oracle) (s) (9837) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (943) 8.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show for couples hosted by the ebulliant Michael Barrymore. (Oracle) (s) (8585)



Struggling to survive: Tina, 17, and her daughter (8.30pm)

8.30 World in Action: Who Cares?

• CHOICE. A two-part report follows seven teenagers as they emerge from the care of children's homes and foster parents and try to make their way in the curside world. Abandoned by their parents, they have no families to support them and no skills to offer in the job market. Two are mothers with babies, if they follow the general pattern, the chances are high that they will end up homeless and take to drugs and crime. Given their wretched start in life it is easy to understand why they find it difficult to cope. The only one to get a job is soon sacked for being unreliable. Another, with nowhere to live, steeps rough on a park bench. Under the Children Act local authorities are obliged to help but the programme reveals that most have neither the money nor the accommodation to do so. This

promises to be an eye-opening series (7092)

9.00 The Life and Times of Henry Pratt. The final part of David Nobbs's astutely-observed comedy drama, charting a boy's journey through the British class system. Henry (Jack Deam) falls for a blond grammar school boy but still retains a healthy interest in

the opposite sex. (Cracle) (7943) 10.00 News at Ten. (Cracle) Weather (15547) 10.30 Thames News

10.40 Aids Update '92. The first of a new five-part series concentrating on the human stones behind the statistics. (Oracle) (267295)

10.50 Film: The Boys in Blue (1983). Dire comedy staring Tommy
Cannon and Bobby Ball as viflage policemen whose success in preventing crime leads to the threat of their being made redundant Directed by Val Guest (31022301)

12.30am Entertainment UK. Weekly leisure guide (s) (28642)
1.30 Sport AM introduced by Bob Symonds (73401)
2.30 Film: On the Run (1978) starring Pierre Richard and Victor Lanoux. French comedy about the antics of an inefficient criminal lawyer.

Directed by Gérard Oury (72772) 4.30 Music Special. Booker T. Jones in concert (r) (s) (10420) 5.30 ITN Morning News (95807). Ends at 6.00

Cartoon adventures (81361924)

11.20 Bloodhounds of Broadway (1989)

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4.20 Mr Forbush and the Penguins

drama staming Brooke Shelds as a child prosingle (639284). Ends at 6.00

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News (536769) 10.05 Boots and All (734672) 11.00 British Masters Darts (81496) 1.00

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Eurosport News (8011) 8.00 Footbal: Champions League (86585) 10.00 Boung (56666) 11.30 Eurosport News (57634)

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6.00 Cartoons (32450) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49419)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (4546905)
9.25 Film: Carnegle Hall (1947, D/w) starming Marsha Hunt and William Prince. Oddball drama about a widow who sacrifices all so that her son can become a concert planist. Directed by Edgar G. Ulimer (25950634) 11.55 The Orchard Animation from Poland (5533585)

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12.00 Right to Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (20360)
12.30 Sesame Street (51092) 1.30 Dr Snuggles (r) (63672)
2.00 Film: One Foot In Heaven (1941, b/w) starring Fredric March. Pleasing biopic of William Spence, a turn-of-the-century Methodist preacher in small-town America. Directed by Irving Rapper (4866)
4.00 Spirit of Trees. Dick Warner searches for strange and rare trees (r). (Teletext) (672) 4.30 Fifteen to One (s) (856)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's topical chat and music show, hosted by Gay Byrne (s) (9450)
6.00 Streetwise Adventures of a group of London cycle couriers (r). (Teletext) (721) 6.30 The Wonder Years Comedy series about growing up in 1980s America (r) (301)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (449059)
7.50 Comment. Phylis Goodher argues that adults should prepare a document making their wishes clear in the event of terminal illness

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Ron surprises Jackie: Vince Earl and Sue Jenkins (8.00cm)

8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (6127) 8.30 Desmond's. Cornedy set in a Peckham barber's. Starring Norman

8.30 Desmond's. Cornedy set in a Peckham barber's. Starring Norman Beaton. (Teletext) (s) (5634)
9.00 Cutting Edge: Dispossessed.
◆ CHOICE: The unlikely heroes of Dianne Tammes's film are the officials of Westmerster City Counci's housing department. On the one hand they are being entreated, abused and sometimes deceived by people trying to convince them that they need a home. On the other they are tied by a limited and inadequate housing stock and mind-numbing constraints of bureaucracy and procedure. There are few satisfied customers. Tammes's film covers deserving cases, such as two smale mothers with small covers deserving cases, such as two single mothers with small children, grey areas, including an evicted pub landlord and his wife, and a man who claims he is homeless but actually owns a property Perhaps for her next project Tammes will take the story one step

back and shows us how these people became homeless and how the civil servants came to frame such unwieldly rules (5585) 10.00 A Bit Of A Do. Councillor Simcock (David Jason) gets a reminder that there is no such thing as a private life in public life (r). (Teletext)

 CHOICE: Artificial contraception and sex outside marriage are the Roman Catholic taboos examined in tonight's programme, which follows the established format of a studio discussion and interviews with ordinary Catholics. The outsider may be struck by three things. The first is substantial evidence that the church's line on contraception is being both widely questioned and widely ignored. The second is a contribution from a Catholic bishop, Victor Guazzelli, who suggests, rather startlingly, that the doctrine can be modified to fit individual cases and that artificial birth control is not necessarily a sin. The third is that the doctrine of natural contraception comes not from Christ but St Augustine of Hippo some centuries later. No one, curiously, talks about overpopulation

in the developing world (10653)

12.00 The Trap. A documentary about people who are caught in the poverty trap (10062). Ends at 1.00am

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Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 7.25am The World of Suzie Wong (1960)

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Jazz Score 10.30 The Jameson's 12.05em Jazz Parade 12.35=0.00 Steve Madden

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Henry Thomas as the young Norman Bases, with Ohoa Hussay as his mother (181837)
12.40am Not Without My Daughter uk gold

RADIO 3

35am Weather 7.00 On Air: Including Lambert (Aubade hérolque); Schubert (Adagio and Rondo concertante) Corelli (Concerto grosso in F, Op 6 No 2); Beethoven (Wind et. Op 81b)

Sextet. Op 81b)
O Composer of the Week:
Robert Schumann at Dresden.
Romarze vom Gänsebuben,
Op 145 No 5; Fugue on the
name Bach. Op 80 No 2;
Symphony No 2 in C; An die
Sterne, Op 141 No 1;
Ungewisses Licht, Op 141 No
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sents music, and talks with

Stanley Sadie and the pianist Marc-André Harnelin 7.30 EBU Concert: Live from Den Gamle Loge, Oslo. Norwegiar Chamber Orchestra under Heinz Holliger performs Bach (Centata No 82, Ich habe (Cartata No 82, Ich habe genug); Hallgrimsson (Poemi: Terje Toennesen, volin), 8,05 Dissidents Now, Reflections by the historian John Klier of University College, London 8,25 Shostakovich (Symphony No 14; Anne-Lise Berntsen, recenter, Stafferd Days Sen, page 1986.

soprano, Stafford Dean, bass-9.25 The Translators: In the first of six programmes, Adam Czemlawski talks to Charles Tomlinson about Italian, Tomurson about reason,
Spanish and Russian poetry
9.45 Britten and Mozart: The first
of times recitals by the
Chimpiran Quartet. Mozart
(String Quartet in E flat, K428);
Britten (String Quartet No 1)
10.45 Moding It

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 CHOICE: Accustomed as we are to the strange musical sounds that can emerge from this weekly mix of styles and influences, we can still occasionally be taken aback by it. Tonight's edition is just such an occasion. The featured band is Scarp, who went to be judged as a new want to be judged as a new breed of European musicmakers trying to breathe new life into traditional dance music. There has probably music. Inere has proceed in never been a British ensemble quite like it. Against all the odds, their hurdy-gurdy, melodeon, saxes, trombone, bass and drums co-exist in has a process of the set of the process of the set of the set of the process of the set of the set of the process of the set of the set of the process of pro

happy, nay infectiously joyous, 11.30 Bach from Utrecht: Nicholas Anderson presents the third of four programmes recorded at the 1991 Utrecht lestivel. Bach (Aus der Tiede n.de ich, Herr, zu dir, BWV 131 (Cappella Figuralis under Jos van Veldhoven); Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat Concerto No 6 in B flat (Brandenburg Consort under Roy Goodman): Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit, BWV 106 (Cappella Figuralis under Jos van Veicthoven) 12.30-12.35am News 1.00-22.5 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

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RADIO 4

(a) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reports on today's Cézanne auction at Christie's; reviews Sam Shoping 6.00 News, incl 8.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today, live from the Royal Smithfield Show 6.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30

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Weather 9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn
Bragg and guest interviewer
Branda Maddox, With Neil
Cossons, director of the
Science Museum; Hugo
Soowers rection car Spowers, racing car manufacturer; Nigel Calder, science writer; and Baroness Biackstone (s)

Blackstone (s)
10.00-10.30 News; Questions of Taste (FM only): Chris Kelly tests the culinary knowledge of Oz Clarke, Nigelia Lawson, Anthony Worrall-Thompson and Sally Clarke (s)
10.00 Dally Service (LW only) for St Andrew's Day from Rosslyn Chapet, Mildothian
10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only):
John Millon's poem (19/41) (s)
10.30 Woman's Hour examines the reasons behind the recent reasons behind the recent

spate of vampire films; talks to the recorder player Michala Petri; and discusses children and the law. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 Money Box Live: Vincent Duggleby and experts answer-questions on redundancy from en audience in Coventry 12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm Word of Mouth: Frank

Delaney with seasonable words (s) 12.55 Weather words (s) 12.55 yearner
1.40 The Archers (r) (s) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Silver King:
Adrian Bean's adaptation of
the classic melodrama by
Henry Arthur Jones. With John
Duttine as Wilfred Deriver and
Frances Barber as his wife
Neiki (s) (r) Neily (s) (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece: Sue
MacGregor meets Yve
Newbold, company secretary

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an exhibition of Urkanan prin in Bristol; and talks to the singer lan Shaw (s) 4.45 Short Shory: West Wirrel Story, by Michael Carson. Read by Maureen O'Brien 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weether 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

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6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue:
Humphrey Lyttetton chairs the
anticlote to panel games (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Deborah's
Cauchter Daughter

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or Choice: In one respect only does the role of Prunella Scales in Parn Gerns's comedy with brains resemble her role in After Henry, again, she is a widow with a problem mother and a problem daughter. Completing the three-operation picture. three-generation picture tonight are Federay Holmes and the indispensable Elizabeth Spriggs. Gems sels her new play in a north African country on the brink of a coup and deep near the medium the and desparately needing the millions of petro-dollars the widow can provide. The script shrewidy blands serious Third World issues with satincal

woma ssues with sancar sallies aganst well-heeled and well-intentioned Brits abroad (s) 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustic (s)

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10.45 A Book at Bedtime.

McSorfey's Wonderful Saloon.

Eli Wallach reads stories from
Joseph Mitchell's collection of
New Yorker articles, beginning
with the first of a two-part
portrait of New York's oldest
esteen (1/8) saloon (1/8)
11.00 The Goon Show:
Dishonoured Again A classic from 1959, Starring Peter Sellers, Hany Secombe and Spike Miligan
11.30 Today in Partiament
12.00-12.43 mn News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shopping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

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Mrs Pepperpot (3650836) 8.55 Playabout
(7956953) 9.10 Cartoons (8830479) 9.30
The Pyramid Game (91479) 1.00 Let's
Make a Deal (19450) 10.30 The Bold and the
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10 Beaver (662585) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show
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SKY NEWS

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10.00 Made in LA (1980): A policeman and a had are mals (844729)
11.35 Freeway (1983) A nurse attempts to catch a super (517498)
1.20am Highlander II — The Quickening (1991) Christopher Lambert fights to save the earth (4901265)
2.45 Celler Dweller (1987): A monster energies from a come book (1379222)
4.05 The Amelicaning (1980). Homor story with Circhion Heston (341517) Ends at 5.50
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SKY MOVIES GOLD Win the Astra satellite
 6.00pm David Copperfield (1934, b/m)
Dickers's classic rate (31318818)
 8.20 The Right Stuff (1983) Drama about
the birth of the American space programme
(36726030), Ends at 11.30

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7.00mm NFL in Review (96011) 7.30 Boom (24498) 9.00 Snooker (74301) 11.00 NS. Action (45740) 11.30 Basketbell (71450 1.30pm Notre Dame College Footbe FM Stereo and MW. 4.00mm Bruno Brookes (FM only) 8.00 Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bales 12.30pm Newsbed 12.45 Jeldo Brambles 3.00 Steve Whight in the Attennoon 6.00 Mark. Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Out on Blue 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Intrinsic Contact with Julian Clary (FN only) (r) 12.30-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

PALSIERO 4.00em Alex Lester 6.15 Pause for Intught 8.30 Bran. Haves 8.15 Pause for Thought 8.30 Bran. Haves 8.15 Pause for Tho ig Band Special **8.30** Big Bend Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttetron with The Best of Jazz 1**0.00** azz Score 1**0.30** The Jamesons 12.0**5em** Jazz Perade 12.35-4.00 Steve Madden

(33363) 3.30 Gilette Sports (2837) 4.00 Pro Box G-Mex (7026011) 8.00 Reys (6617) 8.30 Powersports (82565) 9.30 Football Europa (18905) 10.30-11.30 PBA Bowling (89009) LIFESTYLE

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(\$736672) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Rephasi
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(7905) 4.00 Dick Van Dive Show (\$740) 4.30
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(\$583214) 2.30-3.00am Top Five (14082)

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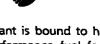
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Cadbury bows to criticism on directors' role

By Angela Mackay

TRENCHANT criticism of the Cadbury committee's draft report on corporate governance has led to the watering-down of some of its key recommendations, in-cluding proposals to strengthen the roles of nonexecutive directors.

The 91-page final report, to be published tomorrow, has been drawn up in the light of about 220 submissions from professional bodies, firms, companies and individuals. Sources close to the committee, chaired by Sir Adrian Cadbury, said it was not different from the first draft, but there were certain clarifications and changes of emphasis".

The most frequent criticism levelled at the draft report concerned proposals to bolster the powers and responsibil-ities of non-executive directors. Many company executives said adoption of the proposals would threaten the unitary

nature of British boards. As a result, some recommendations have been modi-

SMALL businesses are highly

critical of the new manage-

ment quality standard, accord-

ing to the Institute of Directors

(IoD). Some small firms say

the BS5750 standard raises

costs without improving quali-

There are complaints that

small firms could be forced out

of business by demands that suppliers get certification

which they cannot afford. One

estimate is that 10 per cent of

large companies are likely to

Director magazine.

Small firms attack

quality standard

By Derek Harris

Non-executive directors can provide an important check to erring boards, although proposals to raise their profile in managing company affairs have been watered down

fied. For example, in the draft, the committee proposed that companies pay for independent professional advice sought by non-executives in their pursuit of shareholders' interests. The revised report recommends that all directors executive and non-executive be given this right.

When he presents the report tomorrow, Sir Adrian will exhort British companies to take the proposals seriously or face the prospect of self-regulation being replaced by statute. The committee will not be disbanded, as originally planned, but remain in being to monitor progress and undertake a review in mid-1995.

To put pressure on companies to comply with the code of best practice, the Stock Exchange will require them to disclose in their annual reports whether they have adopted it.

The Federation of Small Busi-

nesses argues that the quality

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The exchange will not police companies, however. It will be up to each company to ensure that it complies with the letter and the spirit of the code.

Other proposals in the report include the establishment of both audit and remuneration committees by each com-pany, the separation of the roles of chairman and chief executive and sharper surveillance by auditors.

Institutional shareholders and several accountancy bodies have expressed scepticism that the proposals can be effectively enforced. Coopers & Lybrand, for example, said it doubted whether the few companies disinclined to adopt good practices would change their ways without more robust enforcement.

Self-regulation of directors has mostly been conducted on an ad hoc basis. One of the Cadhury committee's main aims was to set out directors'responsibilities formally after a swathe of scan-dals. including Ferranti International, Polly Peck and Maxwell Communication Corporation.

Many companies are worried about the selection of nonexecutive directors. A survey of more than 100 companies by KPMG Peat Marwick indicated that the most common selection method is not perceived as best practice. Most companies left the decision to the chairman, the chief execu-

Most respondents, however, One manufacturer said: "The importer, exporter, diswould prefer a more independent selection process - either tributor, wholesaler and retailer can all be BS5750 but that by a recruiting agency or committee or by ProNed, an doesn't mean their product is any good."
Michael Sanderson, chief organisation that promotes the work of non-executive executive of the British Standirectors. One chairman said: The problem with selecting

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Warning voice: Sir Adrian Cadbury will tell companies that they must reform or self-regulation will end

Ireland prepares to defend the punt

THE Irish punt, prime candidate among the exchange-rate mechanism currencies for devaluation, will today face the full force of the market for the first time since the general election in Ireland last Wednesday (Our Economics Correspondent writes).

The Irish cabinet, however remained determined to defend the currency within the ERM, officials said after Saturday's cabinet meeting. The Irish central bank is due to raise its overnight lending rate to 100 per cent today to shore up the punt.
Rather than intensify pres-

sure for more realignments. the market last week chose to wait for the outcome of the election, which has yet to ed Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday by Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank vice-president, that Germany's monetary reins will remain tight could threaten the ERM as a whole. Even the French franc, which survived severe speculation in September, could again come under pressure.

The Irish currency mained the weakest in the ERM on Friday, ending just above its DM2.6240 floor. The effective 12.5 per cent appreciation of the punt against sterling since mid-September has created a problem for Ireland, given the importance of trade with Britain. Dealers expect the punt to be devalued by 5 to 10 per cent, despite assurances from Herr Tiermeyer that there was no need for a devaluation.

The franc settled down at the end of last week, finally easing to 3.3940 to the mark at the London close, down from 3.3880 on Thursday. The Danish knone ended the week at 3.8620 to the mark, up from 3.8720.

Export growth 'will top 6%'

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

DEVALUATION of the pound offers exporters the prospect of a boost that will allow annual growth in exports to pick up to more than 6 per cent for the next two years and stay ahead of the rise in imports, according to Cam-

bridge Econometrics. The latest CE prognosis, out today, identifies business services and hotels and catering as the sectors set to gain the most from the lower pound.

Sectors likely to feel the impact of devaluation quickest will be those relatively dependent on America, where signs of growth are becoming more firmly established. After a 2.5 per cent rise in

exports of goods and services this year, CE predicts annual

were down on last year. Offi-cial money supply figures to-day, however, are expected to growth of 6.3 per cent next year and 6.4 per cent in 1994. Imports, expected to grow 3.5 indicate that consumer spendper cent this year, will accelering picked up in November. Economists believe this could ate 4.2 per cent next year and 5.1 per cent the year after. Although it expects interest delay further cuts in base rates rates to fall to 6 per cent or until next year. Weekly data last week pointed to MO, the targeted narrow money aggreconsumer spending and housing is likely to be modest. gate, rising at an annual rate A gloomy end to this year is close to 3 per cent this month, on the cards, however, for up from 2.4 per cent in

parts of the service sector. Infolink, the credit informaaccording to American Express. Earlier hopes of growth in retailing, hotels, restaurants and travel have failed to mattion group, says in its latest survey that consumers are becoming better repayers of erialise. Over half the retailers in the electrical, food and credit. In the third quarter, more than 90 per cent of instalment credit accounts drink, DIY, fashior and department store sectors said profits from July to September were up to date, up from 87.4 per cent a year earlier.

Gooda group in fees dispute

By JON ASSISMONTH

HUNDREDS of Hoyd's names are set to descend on central London today for what promises to be one of their David Coleridge faced hoose meeting four months ago.

For once, Lloyd's is not in the firing line. The names have reserved their anger for the committee of the Gooda Walker Action Group. To-day's annual meeting of the group at the Grosvenor House should have been a routine matter of re-electing the 2,300-member group's com-mittee. But details began circulating last week of a clause in the minutes that could give sizeable payments for the 12 committee members.

The proposed dause would allow the committee led by Alfred Doll-Steinberg, chairman, to earn a success fee of 1.5 per cent of all monies re-covered through litigation, less a committee of the second of t could be substantial. By some estimates, past and present committee members could earn more than £300,000 if

the action succeeds. Committee members, presently umpaid, say the legal action could last five years. Over this period, the remuneration would be relatively small, they add, but many names are unconvinced. A spokesman for a group of GW names described the clause as "entirely unacceptable".

The committee appeared to be at odds over how to respond to the issue when it surfaced last week. Tom Benyon, founder of the Society of Names and a committee member, suggested that the clause would be modified to cap remuneration at a "reasonable" level. But Mr Doll-Steinberg, denied that the matter would be put to the vote as it stands and either passed or rejected.

dards Institution, said: "Certidemand this, and as many as evasion charges non-executives is that they come from a relatively small produce a new cabinet, and fication demonstrates to 80 per cent of government departments, Director says. customers that a firm is comfor American dealers to return A survey for Director showed that 58 per cent of pool of semi-retired people to their desks after an extendmitted to quality. The certification procedure seeking to boost their costs at least £1,200 for small Foreign exchange analysts 1,000 private firms had not incomes." applied for certification and believe the reaffirmation on THE Inland Revenue is facbusinesses, rising according to were not considering doing so. a company's size.

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Botnar denies tax

ing increasing difficulties in its efforts to recover £100 million that it alleges it is owed by Nissan UK, the former distributor of Jananese cars headed by Octav Botnar. Both Mr Botnar and Tore

Ame Thorsen, a Norwegian businessman alleged to have assisted Nissan UK to evade tax by moving funds overseas, have said they will not return to Britain to face trial. War-



Botnar: in Switzerland

rants have been issued for their arrest. The men both deny charges relating to the alleged fraud.

However, Mr Botnar, 79, now living in Switzerland, said he has been advised by doctors against the strain of a trial expected to last six months.

Two other men are set to stand trial in relation to the fraud allegations. They are Michael Hunt, the former managing director of Nissan UK, and Frank Shannon, the former finance director. They too deny the charges.

Mr Botnar insists that

Nissan UK, which distributed Nissan cars in Britain until replaced by an in-house dealer network in January, has paid £145 million corporation tax in the past three years alone. Nissan UK's sacking as the British Nissan dealer is the subject of arbitration proceed-

ings in America.

Mr Botnar still directs the affairs of AFG, the rump of Nissan UK's dealership network, which retails cars for

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Six Million Pound Man finds spending it a bore

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

THE Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday confirmed that Peter Wood, chief executive of its Direct Line insurance subsidiary, has become Britain's highestpaid employee after earning more than £6 million this

But life in the fast lane can have its problems, as Mr Wood, 46, admits. His main difficulty is finding ways to spend the money. He said: "I'm Mr Bore really. I'm not interested in art or jewellery and I hate having too many possessions because they become a liability. All I do is play tennis and play with my children."

Mr Wood revealed, however, that wealth is not a new experience for him, "I was a multimillionaire before this anyway. I have been fairly wealthy for many years and a senior executive since I was 25." Mr Wood was paid a £6 million performance related

bonus for running Direct Line, one of the fastestgrowing companies in the financial services industry, on top of his £280,000 annual salary. The bonus was calculated with a complex formula based on the rate of the company's expansion. He agreed the formula in 1988 when he sold his 25 per cent stake in the company to Royal Bank and argues he would be worth far more if he still had

shares in the company. Mr Wood founded Direct Line in 1984 with financial

backing from the Royal Bank. Since then the company, which sells motor and bousehold insurance over the telephone and now employs 1,100, has turned the industry on its head. The company cuts out the

need for brokers so its expenses are a third lower than its competitors. In addition, Direct Line avoids high-risk customers such as young or convicted motorists or drivers based in highrisk inner city areas. Savings are passed on to

customers as lower premiums. Direct Line has 700,000 motor policyholders, making it the fifthlargest car insurer in the country. Mr Wood plans to increase this to 3 million or a fifth of the entire market.